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PREFACE.

THIS collection contains three tracts reprinted from the Herald and Genealogist published in London. The fourth tract is new, and I trust will be of value. The fifth is a reprint from the N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register.

The edition consists of forty-two copies, and I have added to twenty-five of them a sixth tract, consisting of some notes on Whitmore wills, which are not of equal value, because some errors in copying may be found. Still, as they may be of service, I thought it wise to preserve a certain number.

Some of these tracts have been issued separately.

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Tract No. One.

WHITMORES OF { WHITMORE, CO. STAFFORD.
THURSTANTON, CO. CHESTER.
CLAVERLEY, CO. SALOP. }

DESCENT OF THE FAMILY OF WHITMORE.

To the Editor of THE HERALD AND GENEALOGIST.

Sir,—Having recently obtained some extracts from the early records which serve to fill a blank in Erdeswicke's History of Staffordshire, I desire to place them on your pages for preservation and comparison.

These extracts were made for a correspondent in England, who most kindly communicated them to me, with permission to make use of them in any way. He had arranged them in a tabular pedigree, which I have here reduced to paragraphs, with additions.

Erdeswicke writes (Harwood's edition, London. 1844, p. 77):—

"Ricardus Forestarius held Whitmore of the King, 20 Conq. and I have seen records that Whitmore continued forest lands for a great time; and after one Raufe, a race of gentlemen, which took their names of the place, were lords of it, of whose descent you may see more where I have spoken of Biddulph."

This promise, however, he fails to keep, and I am not aware of any detailed account of the family extant in print. My information stands at present thus:—

Ricardus Forestarius held the manor of Whitmore from the King after the Conquest, and Nigel of him. Ulfac,[1] however, was a tenant there, and is presumed to have had a son, Alfwin,[2] whose son was Arnulf,[3] mentioned in the earliest Pipe Roll *circa* 32 Hen. I. A.D. 1132. It is probable that Alfwin[2] died before his father, as Arnulf[3] is once termed fil. Ulfac.

Arnulf[3] had two daughters, Avisa[4] de Witmore, fil. Arnulf, fil. Alwin, uxor Will. Boterel, 20 Hen. II. Ric. I. and John (Liber Feodorum and Pipe Rolls), and Julia.[4]

This Avisa Boterel[4] held lands by gift from the King in the hundreds of Pirehill, Staff. and Bradford, Salop. Her husband, William fil. Radulphi or William Botrell, was constable of Newcastle-under-Lyne, 4 Ric. I.; he held land in Witemore, co. Staff. under King Henry II. by military service; and in Warwickshire (Lib. Feod. and Pipe Rolls). He is also styled in Lib. Feod. "Will. Botrealus, baro."

Leaving for the present the question of the ancestry of William Boterel, we will trace his descendants.

His son Reginald,[5] fil. Will. Botrell, Dns. de Whitmore juxta Nov.

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[1] The small figures are inserted to mark the generations.

Castrum sub Lina, 5 John (Eccles. Covent. et Lichf.), had a wife Margaret, 1 John (Rot. Cur. Reg.) and a son

Robert[6] de Whytmor or Whitmor, Dns. de Whytmor, 14 Joh. 26 Hen. III. who also held land with his wife in Dymesdale and Colmere, 26 Hen. III. (Pipe Rolls, Salop and Staff.) His wife Joanna, daughter of William Ballard, is mentioned in the Pipe Roll (Staff.) 26 Hen. III. Their sons were Robert[7] and Reginald.[7]

Robert.[7] fil Rob. de Whytmore, Dns. de Whytmore, held the lands of his father in Dymesdale and Colmere, also in Cnoton, Wytemore. and Newcastle-under-Lyne, 41-44 Hen. III.; and, with his wife Ada de Walleshull, the manor and vill of Brocton-super-Wytemore, 44 Hen. III. (Pipe Rolls, Staff. and Salop).

His brother, Reginald[7] de Botrell de Wytmore, or de Boterel als. Whitmor, held land by inheritance, 31 Hen. III. Dns. Reginald de Boterel also held land from the King *in capite* in the manor of Longedon, hundred de Ford, co. Salop, and from John Esturne in Wetemore in the same hundred, 45 Hen. III. He was fined by John Barel the sheriff 56 Hen. III. and was eventually proclaimed a rebel, temp. Edw. I. (Pipe Rolls, Staff. and Salop, and Inquis. Salop.)

At this point there is a divergence in the line, inasmuch as William[8] fil. Robert[7] de Wytimore is found in Shropshire, whilst a John de Whitmore succeeded to the lordship of Whitmore, though not termed son of Robert. However, there seems to be no sufficient reason to doubt that he was the eldest son and heir, and we mention as the children of Robert[7] de Whytmore and Ada de Walleshull—

1. John,[8] of whom presently.
2. William.[8]
3. Radulphus,[8] "frater Johannis, Dni. de Wytemore," received the gift of a piece of land called Berchelesfield from his brother 22 Edw. I. (Harl. MS. 506.)
4. Anna,[8] soror, witness to a deed of Joh. de Wytemore, temp. Edw. I. (Harl. MS. 506.)

John[8] de Whitmore held land in Whitmore and Madeley, co. Staff. 56 Hen. III. His name occurs as Dns. de Wytemore, 4, 22, 27, and 29 Edw. I. And there is a deed of his extant dated in the year last mentioned, with a seal appended[a]. (Fines Staff. and Erdeswicke's

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[a] It was intended that a cut of this seal (a plain field and chief) should appear with the present article. But, unfortunately, the reference to the deed has been lost. We hope, however, to be able to supply the omission at no distant period.

Collections from deeds of the Hospital of St. Thomas juxta Stafford in Harl. MS. 506.) The wife of this John de Whitmore is supposed to have been Ursula, dau. of William Bagnold, who was living 15 Edw. I. (Pipe Roll.) His son was

Radulphus 9, fil. Joh. de Whitmore, Dns. de Whitmore, who made an agreement, 7 Edw. II. with Roger de Swynnerton, respecting this manor, that the said Ralph and his issue should hold the same, but, in default of issue to Ralph, it should come entire (*integrè*) to Roger de Swynnerton. Ralph was to pay the yearly quit-rent of a rose. (Fines Staff.) It seems a fair presumption that the owners of the manor next in the succession were descendants of Ralph. We assume, therefore, as his son

Nicholas 10 de Whitemore, party to a deed with Ralph de Vernon, concerning land, 15 Edw. III. (Harl. MS. 2077.) His issue was John 11, and perhaps another son William 11 de Whitmore de Radewode in Madeley, co. Staff. Dns. in capite 9 Rich. II. (Fines Staff.)

John 11 de Whitmor, Whitemore, Wytemor, or Wytmore, fil. Nic. 15 Edw. III. Dns. de Whitmore or Wytemore, 25—41 Edw. III. ob. ante 8 Ric. II. His name appears in a list of knights and gentry of Staffordshire, temp. Ric. II. (Chester Rolls, Welsh Records, and Erdeswicke's and Holme's Coll. in Harl. MSS.) He is named also in Erdeswicke's History (p. 112) Joh'e de Wittmore, 23 Edw. III. as a witness to a deed of Sir Robert de Swynnerton.

This John 11 married Joan, sister to Sir John de Verdon[a], chevalier, joint lord of Darlaston, and owner of lands in Buckenhall and Biddulph, all in co. Staff., 47 Edw. III.

The main line terminated in two co-heiresses, apparently the daughters of John 11 and Joan, viz.:

Joan 12 and Elizabeth 12.

Joan,12 daughter of John de Whitmore 8-12 Ric. II. (Fines Staff.) was married to Henry Clerk, Mayor of Coventry 1358—72, and subsequently described of Ruyton (12 Ric. II.) She and her husband held a moiety of the manor of Whitmore, and parted with it to James and Elizabeth 12 de Boghay, 8 Ric. II. (Fines Staff.) Their son Richard Clerk was Mayor of Coventry 1386. (Dugd. Warw.)

Elizabeth 12 appears to have inherited the other moiety of Whitmore, 8 Ric. II. (Fines Staff.) Erdeswicke (p. 8) says she was the only daughter of John 11 de Whitmore and *Emme* de Verdon; but, as he

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[a] A notice of Sir John de Verdon, and his wife Eva, will be found in Notes and Queries, 3rd Series, v. 285.

is mistaken in the name *Emme*, so, too, he seems to err in calling Elizabeth[12] the sole heir. She was wife to James de Boghay, living 47 Edw. III.-16 Ric. II.; and she inherited with Ermentrude, wife to Ralph de Houton, part of the estates of Sir John de Verdon, *antè* 12 Ric. II. (Fines Staff.) John de Boghay, their son and heir, was Lord of Whitmore, &c. 7 Hen. IV.-11 Hen. VI. He is said to have married Margaret Coyney, of the family of Weston Coyney, co. Staff.; and from him Erdeswicke traces the line of descent through James, Robert, and Humphrey to Robert de Boghay, whose daughter and heiress Alicia was married to Edward Manwaring in 1519; and the descendants of these last still own the manor.

We now perceive the correctness of Erdeswicke's statement that there was "a race of gentlemen taking their name from the place," whose main line terminated about 1380 in co-heiresses. The oldest line of cadets would seem to be that from William[11] of Radewode in Madeley, if there are any existing. There is good reason for believing there were other offshoots, which we will name in the order of their propinquity to the main line.

First we find the

CAUNTON BRANCH.

In the Harl. Roll No. 21 is a Whitmore Roll beginning with John Whitmore of co. Stafford, who married Ursula daughter of William Bagnold. (Temp. Edw. I.) This of course would be John[8] de Whitmore, whose seal we have spoken of, provided there is proof that his wife was Ursula.

Assuming this, we continue the pedigree thus:

John[8] had Elizabeth[9] and William,[9] styled Arm. who married Alice daughter of Robert Ferrers Lord of Tamworth,[a] and had

Richard[10] Whitmore, who married Susannah, daughter of Sir Philip Draycot of Painesly, knt. and had

Jane[11] wife of John Blunt, Mary[11] wife of John Gifford, Philip[11] Whitmore who married Thomasine daughter of Richard Okeover,

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[a] It may be noted that two or three instances of anachronism occur in this roll of Whitmore. There was a Rob. de Ferrers, a great landowner in Pirehill hundred, 20 Edw. III. (Pipe Rolls, Staff.); but none of his name had possession of Tamworth till a century later. Again, Thomas Aston, father-in-law of Nicholas[13] Whitmore, is described of Tixall, though it is stated by Erdeswicke that the family of Aston did not remove to Tixall from their ancient seat at Heywood till the reign of Henry VIII. In all likelihood, the roll is a compilation of a comparatively recent date.

Beatrix[11] wife of John Chetwind, and Christiana[11] wife of Richard Fleetwood.

Philip[11] Whitmore had Richard[12] Whitmore, who married, 1st, a daughter of Sir Ralph Bagot, 2nd, a daughter of Sir Richard Devereux, and 3rd, a daughter of Simon Harcourt, probably of Ellenhall, co. Staff. by which last he had

Nicholas[13] Whitmore, who married Anne, daughter of Thomas Aston of Tixall, co. Staff. and had (besides a daughter Mary,[14] wife of William Lusone) a son

Anthony[14] Whitmore, who married Christian, daughter and heir of Nicholas Vaux, by whom he had Joan[15] and William.[15]

John Whitmore[16] of Caunton, temp. Hen. VI. second son of William,[15] married Alice, daughter and heir of Robert Blyton of Caunton, co. Notts. (by Catherine, daughter and heir of Robert Compton of Hawton, Visitation of York, 1563), and had two sons, William,[17] and his heir

Robert[17] Whitmore of Caunton, who married Catherine Claye (one of the daughters of George Claye of Finningley, co. Notts. Visit. York), and had

William[18] Whitmore of Caunton, who married a daughter of John Ridley (Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Ryggsley, Visit. York), and had issue John[19] Whitmore, whose son

William[20] Whitmore of Caunton, married Cecilie, and had Elizabeth,[21] daughter and heir, who married Stephen Browne. The Roll adds another son of John,[19] viz. Richard;[20] and other sources enable us to finish the account as follows:—

William[20] Whitmore of Caunton and Rotherham, co. York, gent. will dated 16 Aug. proved 3 Nov. 1568. His wife Cecilie was relict of John Parker, and her will, dated 5 Oct. 1610, was proved 15 Jan. 1610-11. She was styled of Eastwood, parish of Rotherham, co. York. Besides Elizabeth,[21] wife of Stephen Browne (who was son of Henry Browne of Broomhall, co. York), they had Richard[21] Whitmore, son and heir apparent in 1568, who inherited lands in Caunton, Kirksall, Newark, and Besthorp, co Notts, and died *ante* 1612. His wife Helen was buried at St. Peter's, Nottingham, 19 July, 1612, no doubt without issue.

William[20] had a brother Richard,[20] who married Eleanore, daughter of Richard Fenton of Sheffield, and died *s.p.*, a brother Roland[20] living 1568, and two sisters, Elizabeth,[20] wife of Alexander Hotofte of Flintham, co. Notts. and Jane,[20] wife of —— Richardson, living 1568. These additions are made on the authority of Joseph L. Chester, esq.

This William[20] of Caunton had arms granted to him 4 Feb. 1564-5, by William Flower, Norroy, viz.: Quarterly 1. Vert, fretty argent; 2. Gules, on a fesse or between six billets three lions passant; 3. A lion passant between three fishes, (all within a tressure flory, as tricked in the Roll); 4. Sable, a helmet argent, in chief two crosses.

This ends the Caunton branch.

THURSTANTON BRANCH.

We noted that Robert[7] de Whitmore and Ada de Walleshull had a son William[8] fil. Rob. D'n's de Wytimore, who held lands in Wytimore and Burchton, in the manor of Claverley, co. Salop, 45 Hen. III. for which manor William de Whitmore is named one of the jury in the same year, and a deputy of John Fitz-Philip de Bobington, forester, to perform military service against Llewellyn in 1281, which John, afterwards joining the Welsh rebellion, suffered for it. William de Wytmore petitioned the King for the lands forfeited by his uncle Reginald (Inquis Salop, Forest and Close Rolls). In the Close Rolls he is termed Will'ms fil' Rob'ti, Forestar. Salop. salt. al's Will'ms de Wytmore.

His wife was Agnes de Haselwall, who held land in Wytimere, in the manor of Claverley, was fined 45 Hen. III. and again 3 Edw. I. when she is termed "uxor Will. de Whitmore" (Inquis. Salop.) Their son

John[9] fil. Will. fil. Rob. received the gift of a piece of land called Coliers from John Dns. de Wytemore 27 Edw. I. (Harl. MS. 506.) He married Margaret, daughter of Ralph Vernon of Shipbrook, co. Chester, called "the long liver." John de Whytmore was living 1299—1325, and in this last year claimed with his wife the manor of Thurstanton, co. Chester. (Ormerod.) This seems, however, to have been in right of his mother.[a]

His son John[10] de Whitmore, mayor of Chester 1369—1372, *ob.* 1374, married Cicely, daughter and heir of John de Haselwall; recovered the manor of Thurstanton; and had John[11] de Whitmore de Thurstanton, from whom descended the family of that place, now supposed to be extinct in the male line.

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[a] Robert de Rodelent or de Rhuddlan held this manor, and his presumed illegitimate son Matthew held it. Peter, grandson of Matthew, had an heiress, Agnes, wife of Patrick de Haselwall, whose son William had a sole heiress Agnes de Haselwall, wife of William de Whitmore; her cousin John de Haselwall had an only daughter Cicely, who married John de Whitmore, and thus all the claims centred in their son.

Thus we have shown, apparently, a new fact, that the Cheshire family was derived from the main stock at Whitmore, co. Stafford, and that intermediately this branch was settled at Wytemore in Claverley, co. Salop. This Wytemore, however, had its name before the Whitmores of Stafford acquired it; and they seem to have obtained their rights by their marriages with Ada de Walleshull and possibly with Agnes de Haselwall. (Notes and Queries, 3rd Series, v. 159.) Thus, in Inquis. Salop. 45 Hen. III. we have as owners in Claverley John fil. Phi. de Bobiton holding one hide in Wytimere, Will. fil. Rob. Dns. de Wytimore holding land in Wytimore and Burchton, and Agnes de Haselwall in Wytimere. Will. fil. Rob. also holds the Church of Claverley, with its members, Burchton, and Bobiton, by gift from the King.

It is not improbable that the manor had already given a name to a family, as we find in the list aforesaid of 45 Hen. III. that William de Whitmore had as a colleague Reginaldus Witimere de Farncot; in 1281 we have Richard de Whit'mer as a witness to a deed, in 1309 Ric. de Monte de Wytemere, and in 1323 Ric. de Wittimer fil. Ric'i.

From all this we may fairly infer that a younger branch of the Whitmores of Stafford settled in a place of almost the same name, viz. Wittymere, but that they did not derive their name from this last manor, and that the coincidence is accidental.

Claverley Branch.

It becomes interesting to learn whether there were any descendants of the Whitmores of Claverley remaining there. Conceding that William[8] de Whitmore and his wife Agnes de Haselwall acquired it, that their son John[9] enjoyed it, and their grandson John[10] removed to Chester, what became of the Shropshire property? It is generally believed that a family still extant derived its name from Wittymere in Claverley. And, although the evidence now given leaves little doubt that this is a mistake, I think that it supports their claim to be descended from the owners.

We have ventured to identify William de Whitmore, who was one of the jury of Claverley 45 Hen. III. with William,[8] son of Robert[7] de Whytmore, co. Stafford. In 1857 the late Mr. Joseph Morris, of Shrewsbury, wrote that this William, "one of the jury," had Philip[9] de Whytemere of Whytemere, in the parish of Bobbington, who died about 28 Edw. III. leaving a son, John[10] de Whytemere, living 34 Edw. III. (1361) who had two sons, Richard[11] and John.[11]

John[11] de Whytemere, younger son, 28 Edw. III. had lands in Kingsmoor in Claverley, which his grandfather Philip held. In 30-34 Edw. III. he had lands in Whytemere Heath, and died 18 Ric. II. (1395). He was the ancestor of John Whytmere, chaplain, who, in 1472, possessed estates in Whyttemere and Heathton in Claverley.

Richard[11] de Whytemere, of Claverley, the eldest son, 10 Edw. III. (1337), died prior to 9 Ric. II. (1386). He married first Margery, daughter and heir of William atte Wall, of Claverley, by Agnes his wife, daughter of William Malveysin, and had Richard[12] his heir. By a second wife Sybil, who died 6 Hen. IV. (1405) when certain lands which she held for life passed to her stepson's heirs, he had a son William[12] Whytemere, living 9 Ric. II (1396).

Richard[12] Whytemere of Claverley died prior to 13 Ric. II. (1389) leaving a son

Richard[13] Whytemere of Claverley, who 2 Hen. IV. (1401) settled a certain messuage and lands called Wallehouseland upon himself and Joan his wife, which 10 Hen. V. (1422) they settled upon their son Thomas.[14] He inherited 6 Hen. IV. (1405) other lands on the death of his grandfather's widow. He died 20 Hen. VI. (1442). By a second wife, Isabel, living 21 Hen. VI. he had Joan,[14] wife of John Burne, and William,[14] a clerk, who settled his copyhold messuage and lands in Claverley upon his nephew Richard[15] Whytemore.

Thomas[14] Whytemore, eldest son of Richard,[13] 27 Hen. VI. (1448) sold certain lands at Zeyche House in the parish of Claverley; and 22 Edw. IV. (1483) he died seised of a freehold estate in Claverley. His children were—

Richard[15] his heir.

Thomas[15] of Madeley, co. Staff. who left issue.

Alice[15] wife of Robert Jones.

Richard[15] Whytemere alias Whitmore of Claverley, died 10 Hen. VII. (1495) possessed of freehold lands there, also of two messuages and lands of copyhold tenure. His wife Agnes, daughter of John Gravenor, proved his will 17 January, 1496. She afterwards married Thomas Pytt, and died 14 Hen. VIII (1523). Their son and heir was

Richard[16] Whytmere alias Whitmore of Aston in Claverley, gentleman, who died 3 Edw. VI. (1549) possessed of freehold and copyhold estates at Hopstone and Claverley, co. Salop, and was interred at Claverley. His wife Frances, living in 1550, afterwards married William Barker of Aston. Their children were

William,[17] Richard,[17] Humphrey,[17] Edward,[17] and Thomas,[17] of whom William[17] was an alderman of London, and his descendants are recorded, in the main accurately, in Burke's Extinct Baronetage and Landed Gentry, and elsewhere.

Of course this whole affiliation depends upon the care with which Mr. Morris transcribed the early part of the record. As a slight confirmation, I may add that in the Patents of Arms granted by Dethick Garter, 1593 (Harl. MS. 1507, fol. 5) is one to "William Whitmore, late citizen and merchant of London, descended of the name and ancient family of Whitmore of Thurstanton, in the county of Lancaster (*sic*) gentleman, which William deceased at London, Aug. 7, 1593, and by his wife Anne, daughter of William Bond, esq. late sheriff and alderman of London, had three sons and six daughters." This would indicate that there was a belief in the family that the Cheshire Whitmores were of the same stock. A further examination of the evidences at Claverley will probably make the connection plain beyond a doubt.

If the foregoing pedigree be free from error, it results that the Whitmores of Staffordshire were originally termed de Boterel. We have seen that Avisa[4] de W'tmore was married to William Botrell, who was son of Radulph de Botrell by his first wife. The second wife of this Radulph was mother of a bastard son, called Rad. fitzW'tmore, and bastardus de W'tmore, Castellan in Newcastle-under-Lyne to Ranulph, Earl of Chester, 4 Hen. III. and to Henry de Audley 24 Hen. III. He brought an action against Reginald fil. Will. Botrell, 5 John, touching a virgate of land of his mother, which he held 15—17 John. (Pipe and Close Rolls.)

His son, William fil. Rad. bastardi, alias W'tmore, called also Will. le Burgvyllan, Castellan under Henry de Audley, 30 Hen III. held land in Newcastle and W'tmore 26, 27 Hen. III. and land with his wife Ursula under Hamo le Strange, 38 Hen. III. (Pipe Rolls Salop and Staff.) By a second wife, Matilda de Caux, he had John Burgvyllan, who held land in Newcastle-under-Lyne 32 Edw. I. (Pipe Rolls), and who had a wife Alicia at that time.

Radulph de Botrell held land in W'tmore 21 Hen. II. He was, apparently, brother to William, fil. Radulphi, and is described as Rad. fil. Rad. being the son of Radulph de Boterel, who was witness to a deed of gift from his father Peter de Boterel to Abingdon Abbey circa

1154, and was Constable of Newcastle-under-Lyne 15 Hen. II. He held land in Oxfordshire 11 Hen. II. and in Wodnesbra, Staff. probably Wednesbury, Wadnesberie of Domesday, 12—17 Hen. II. (Pipe Rolls and Chron. of Abingdon Abbey). His father

Peter de Boterel held lands in Oxfordshire and Berks circa Stephen, 12 Hen. II. (Pipe Rolls, and Chronicle as before), and had a brother William.

This elder William de Boterel held lands in Cornwall temp. Hen. I. was Constable of Wallingford Castle, excommunicated by Ingulphus abbot of Abingdon, for pillaging the town, and is said to have died of grief ante 1 Hen. II., when his brother Peter appeased the abbot by a deed of gift to the Abbey. William de Boterel left a son of the same name, who inherited from him 4–9 Hen. II., and who was probably sheriff of Devon. (Pipe Rolls and Chron.) Eyton (Antiquities of Shropshire, vii. 159,) seems to have confounded this last William with another of the same name, son of Hamon de Boterel, who had property in Devonshire, Wiltshire, Gloucester, Hereford, and Salop, and married Alice, daughter of Robert fitzCorbet.

More information about these Boterels is desired, and especially their connection with Geoffrey Boterel, who was grandson of Godfrey first Duke of Britany, and brother of Alain le Roux and Alain Niger, Counts of Britany, and commonly called Earls of Richmond.[a]

Lastly, we have to consider the question of the arms of the family. We have seen that about A.D. 1300, John de Whitmore of Staffordshire used a coat of a chief only; but that all the branches of the family presumed to be of the same origin have used a fretty coat.

Thus the Cheshire family used the fret and also impaled and quartered the chief. My authority for the impaling is an inscription sculptured in Trinity Church, Chester, said to have been taken up from the same place and at the same time as the effigy attributed to John Whitmore, Mayor of Chester temp. Edw. 3.

This inscription with a description of the monument we intend to present hereafter. There is some doubt as to the correctness of its identification.

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[a] Palgrave (Hist. Normandy, vol. 3, p. 459, following Holinshed, I believe) states that Alain Fergant or le Roux possessed lands of Edwin, the Saxon Earl of Mercia, by gift from the Conqueror. He died s.p. in 1089, and was succeeded by his brother Niger, who left issue. (See Dugd. Baronage and Courthope's Hist. Peerage.)

Ormerod enters the coat of the Whitmores of Thurstanton, however, as quarterly:

1. Vert, fretty or; 2. Argent, a chief azure; 3. Or, a lion rampant gules between three martlets of the second; 4. Per fesse vert and gules, an eagle displayed or. The *Promptuarium Armorum*, of Smith Rougedragon, a MS. *circa* 1605, enters the same arms for John Whitmore of Thurstanton, co. Chester, except that he omits the fretty coat, and makes the first and fourth quarters, Argent, a chief azure.

The Caunton branch and the Claverley branch both adopted the fretty coat, which by the way is peculiarly a Staffordshire bearing.

It seems impossible to think that this chief was the Haselwall coat, as Ormerod intimates, since it was used by John de Whitmore, whose brother made the match with that family. In fact, Smith's tricking would rather show that the chief was the original Whitmore coat, as corroborated by the seal.

Still Ormerod and other writers have no doubt that the Cheshire branch also claimed the fretty coat.

We can offer but one supposition If the fretty coat belonged to Ada de Walleshull, and the Claverley property (Wittymere, &c.) came from her, the younger lines might have adopted her coat, and the Cheshire line have used it in quarterings. The fact, however, can best be ascertained by examining such examples as may remain at Thurstanton and elsewhere.

We might almost imagine that the Stafford and Cheshire families using the chief were the only members of the same line, and those using the fret were merely namesakes, but for the following fact. There is at Whitmore Hall a window wherein, among other coats, is the following (as represented in the next page): Quarterly, 1 and 4, a fret gold; 2, a bend sinister azure charged with three trefoils slipped, gold; 3, three stag's heads cabossed sable. The field-tinctures are not discernible. At the sides are the letters M.A.

These arms seem to be 1 and 4, Whitmore; quarterly with 2, Coyney; and 3, Boghay: for my correspondent tells me he is satisfied that the stag's heads belong to Boghay,[a] and not the coat (Gules, a scythe argent), which is also attributed to the name.

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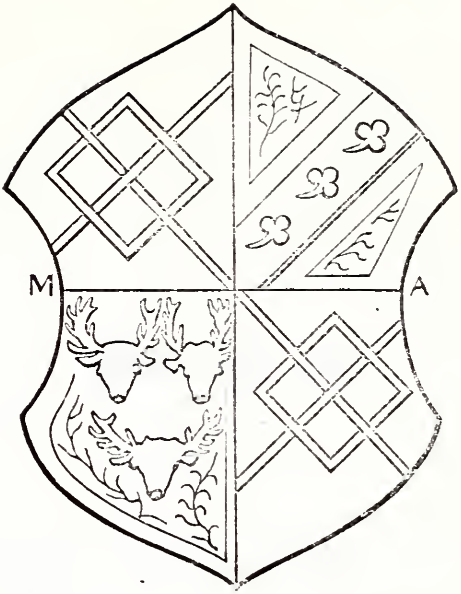
[a] The Harl. MS. 1988, folios 38b and 41, ascribes Argent, three stag's heads caboshed sable, to Bogiey and Burghay of Whitmore. The same coat appears in Gwillim's Display in the name of Bowet, and in Burke's Armory in that of Boughey, of Colton, co. Staff. And, so far as is known, all branches of the family have borne arms more or less similar. There is, too, an early charter of Christina, daughter of



In a window at Whitmore Hall.

If this be so, we can hardly doubt that the fret appears in this shield as especially the arms of Whitmore.

Boston, U. S. A. W. H. Whitmore.

John de Boghay de London, jointly with another lady, sealed with a stag trippant respecting the sinister; but the seal has no legend, and may not represent a coat of arms (Harl. Charter 76, *c.* 46). On the other hand the coat Gules, a scythe argent, as quartered anonymously in the Visitations by Mainwaring of Whitmore, is attributed to Boghay by the College of Arms. But their authority cannot be accepted as conclusive on the subject, for these reasons: 1st, that the latter coat undoubtedly pertains to Prayers, and it is so appropriated in Glover's Ordinary; 2nd, that there was a match, temp. Edw. III. between the heiress of Praers of Baddiley, co. Chester, and an ancestor of Edward Manwaring of Whitmore, nearly two centuries before this Edward married the heiress of Boghay; and 3rd, that the records of the College show, that the descendants of the last marriage are not the only family of Mainwaring which has quartered the scythe. The following explanation is hazarded. The issue of the marriage with Praers died s.p., and the line of Mainwaring was continued through the descendants of a second marriage. In such circumstances, it is presumed that the College of Arms would not recognise the coat of Praers as legitimately quartered by Mainwaring. And, finding the scythe actually quartered at Whitmore, subsequently to the match with Boghay, it might not be contrary to their practice to assign it definitely as Boghay's. This coat, Gules, a scythe argent, occurs in Burke's Armory under the names of Manwaringe and Praers.

Tract No. Two.

WHITMORES OF CAUNTON, CO. NOTTS.

[This contains additional information in regard to the Caunton branch, recorded on pp. 4, 5 and 6 of the preceding tract.]

WHITMORE OF CAUNTON, CO. NOTTS.

In the *Herald and Genealogist*, vol. iv. p. 25, will be found a mention of the Whitmores of Caunton, co. Notts. A few facts have come to light since that article was prepared.

The will of William Whitmore, dated in 1568, is recorded at York (Book 18, p. 28), in which are mentioned "Richard Whitmore my son and heir apparent;" "Elizabeth Browne, my daughter, wife of Steven Browne;" "my wife Cecile;" "my daughter-in-law Frances Parker," to whom he was indebted "for such portion as was appointed and left unto her by my late predecessor John Parker her father, now deceased;" "my brother Rolland Whitmore;" "my sisters Elizabeth Howtoft and Jayne Richardson."

The will of Richard Whitmore, son of William, is in the Registry at Nottingham. It is dated 8th November, 1591, proved 26th September, 1592. He desires to be buried "in my Queare in Caunton, commonly called Chauntrie Queare." Leaves property in Caunton and Beesthorpe ("except Lark Farm which was my inheritance") to his wife Elinor, for life, with remainder to "my brother Stephen Brome and Elizabeth his wife, my loving sister," and their heirs, then to James Greenwood and Mercy his wife and their heirs, then to Mary Wombwell and her heirs. He provides for the payment of 30*l.* to "my uncle Rowland Whitmore and his sons Nicholas and Robert Whitmore," and also "10*l.* to Owen Whitmore when he comes out of his apprenticeship." He mentions "Margaret Norton my kinswoman" and Elizabeth Norton, "brother Overall's children;" "Cecilie Whitmore my mother-in-law" [*i.e.* step-mother]; "Olive Whitmore my god-daughter, cousin James Greenwood, niece Mary Wombwell, brother Robert Overall, cousin Thomas Bristow."

In the Visitation of Notts, published by the Harleian Society, two of these matches are shown, p. 134, that of Stephen Brome (or Brown) to Elizabeth, daughter of William and sister of Richard Whitmore; on p. 103, that of Walter Holtofte to Elizabeth, sister of William.

There is also a reference to Henry Brome, nephew of Richard Whitmore, in the printed volume of Proceedings in Chancery, Qu. Elis. vol. i. p. 40.

We also see that though the Caunton branch thus ends in an heiress, the daughter of Richard, yet the male representation continues in the line of his uncle Roland Whitmore, who had sons Nicholas and Robert, and we may presume he was also father of Owen and Olive Whitmore mentioned in the will.

The unusual name Owen Whitmore renders it probable that he was the person who is mentioned in the register of St. Margaret's, Westminster, London. Col. Chester finds there that Owen Whitmore had baptised Stephen, 29th Sept. 1605; Tristram, 28th Dec. 1606; Richard, 19th May, 1611. Also among the burials, Owen W. 22nd June, 1620, and Richard (probably the child), 27th Aug. 1614.

Possibly another obscure branch can be traced by similarity of names; whether Owen is to be rightly called the son of Rowland or not, it is certain that Nicholas and Robert were so designated. About ten miles north of Caunton is East Markham, co. Notts. Among the wills at York is one dated 12 Sept., 1646, proved 7 Oct. following, of Robert Whitmore of Rewell (a local name not now recoverable probably). He mentions his mother, sister Preasens, and her three children, sister Winifred, sister Elizabeth, brother Francis, brother Paul, brother Henry Still.

The registry of East Markham has the following baptisms: Dec. 4, 1597, Pleasance Whytmore; Feb. 11, 1598–9, Fráuncis Whittmore. In the neighbouring parish of Headen, Notts, is recorded the marriage, Aug. 26, 1632, of Henry Still and Pleasance Whitmore. These seem to refer to the same persons, but are clearly of a generation later than the Nicholas and Robert mentioned as cousins in Richard's will in 1591. I find that at St. Giles, Cripplegate, London, Nicholas Whitmore and Pleasance Whittingham were married Feb. 14, 1592-3, and again July 20, 1624, Annes wife of Paul Whitmore was buried. Here, a mere coincidence of names would lead us to surmise that Nicholas and Pleasance were the parents of the children mentioned in Robert's will, placing considerable reliance on the unusual name of Pleasance. Further, I can urge that in the parish of St. Margaret's, Westminster, where an Owen W. lived, the record also shows that Nicholas and Mary Whitmore had Nicholas bapt. 21 Sept., 1645; that Francis and Anne Whitmore had a dau. Frances bapt. 3 May,

1643, probably buried 15 Aug., 1643, and the mother was probably buried 12 Feb. 1643–4; and that Francis and Mary (a second wife?) had Mary bapt. 11 May, 1648, Anne, bapt. 25 Nov. 1649, Elizabeth. bapt. 20 Jan., 1651–2, Francis, bapt. 1 Dec., 1653, and probably buried 19th same month; and Frances, bapt. 15th March, 1654–5. A Francis, probably the father, was buried Nov. 19, 1664. A John and Alice Whitmore had also George there bapt. 1 March, 1644–5; Nov. 25, 1652, Alice W. buried.

These dates are all reconcilable with Robert's will and the silence about Paul and Francis's children or a brother Nicholas. Paul and Francis, *so far as these dates show*, were widowers and childless in 1646, and Nicholas might be dead, as nothing is heard of him after 1645.

This is, of course, all surmise, and only of interest as showing how names sometimes will favour a theory.

On the other hand, as if to confound any such theory, I find that in West Drayton, co. Notts, almost the next parish to East Markham, in 1635, John Whitmore was churchwarden, and Oct. 9, 1646, administration on his estate was granted to his widow *Presenta*. Here we find another Presenta or Pleasance Whitmore in the neighbourhood. and the evidence must favour John and Presenta as much as Nicholas and Pleasance as the parents of Robert and the others. One escape only is possible: if Pleasance (Whittingham) were the mother of Robert, she was alive in 1646. Can this administration of John's estate be wrong in one point, and should it read granted to his mother *Presenta* instead of his *wife?* If so, it would be very possible that John was a brother of Robert, and had died before him (the two probate records being only two days apart), and it is also possible that he is the John of St. Margaret's, Westminster, before noted.

This one change of wife to mother would permit the construction of a pedigree, including all these names and dates, without a single discrepancy, but as I must admit without a single proof beyond coincidences.

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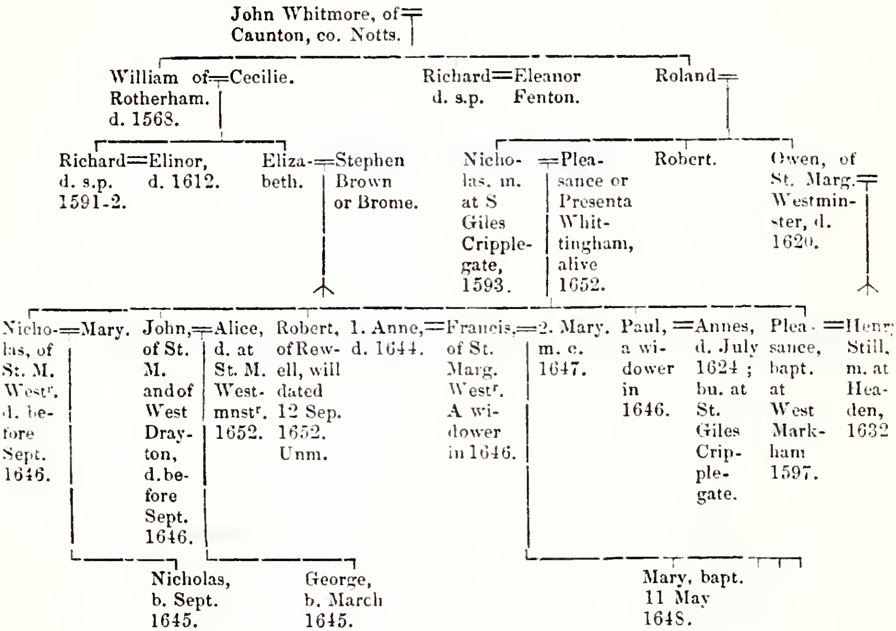
THEORETICAL PEDIGREE FROM PRECEDING NOTES.


John Whitmore, of Caunton, co. Notts.
William of Rotherham. d. 1568.
Cecilie.
Richard d. s.p.
Eleanor Fenton.
Roland
Richard d. s.p. 1591-2.
Elinor, d. 1612.
Elizabeth.
Stephen Brown or Brome.
Nicholas, m. at S Giles Cripplegate, 1593.
Pleasance or Presenta Whittingham, alive 1652.
Robert.
Owen, of St. Marg. Westminster, d. 1620.
Nicholas, of St. M. Westr. d. before Sept. 1646.
Mary.
John, of St. M. and of West Drayton, d. before Sept. 1646.
Alice, d. at St. M. Westmnstr. 1652.
Robert, of Rewell, will dated 12 Sep. 1652. Unm.
1. Anne, d. 1644.
Francis, of St. Marg. Westr. A widower in 1646.
2. Mary. m. c. 1647.
Paul, a widower in 1646.
Annes, d. July 1624; bu. at St. Giles Cripplegate.
Pleasance, bapt. at West Markham 1597.
Henry Still, m. at Headen, 1632
Nicholas, b. Sept. 1645.
George, b. March 1645.
Mary, bapt. 11 May 1648.

Tract No. Three.

THE ROOS FAMILY OF LAXTON, CO. NOTTS.

[This contains an account of the family of Roos, to which belonged Joan, wife of Thomas Whitmore of Madeley, co. Staff., whose descendants are recorded in Tract No. Four of this series.]

THE ROOS FAMILY OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE, THEIR PEDIGREE AND WILLS COMPARED.

The following notes on a family formerly of some local importance, may not seem out of place, since, though founded chiefly on Thoroton's *History of Nottinghamshire*, they are supported and amplified by several original materials:—

Robert^1 Lord Roos of Hamlake married Isabel daughter of William the Lion, King of Scotland, and had

William^2 Lord Roos of Hamlake, a title still extant, and

Robert^2 of Werke, who married Margaret dau. and heir of Peter de Brus of Skelton. The son of Robert^2 was

William^3 de Ros or Roos, Baron of Kendal, who is said to have had two sons—

Robert^4 Lord Roos of Kendal, whose eventual heiress married Sir William Parr.

William^4 Roos of Ingmanthorpe.

Thus far we follow the Visitation of Nottinghamshire, just printed for the Harleian Society. But Collins, in his Peerage, differs considerably from this account. He states that the first Lord Roos of Hamlake, Robert,^{1} had three sons, of whom two were named William, the younger being William of Agmanthorpe.

Again, Collins says that Robert^2 of Werke had a son William,^{3} whose son Thomas^4 had a granddaughter Elizabeth,^{6} who married Sir William Parr. He says of this William^3 that "the daughters claimed to be coheirs, a difficulty which has not been solved." It is evidently in this generation that an obscurity exists, two facts only being pretty clear, viz. that the Parrs of Kendal represent the senior line of Robert^2 Roos of Werke, and that the Roos family of Ingmanthorpe was recognised as an early offshoot, though the precise point of connection was in doubt.

Turning to the Visitation again—

William^4 Lord of Ingmanthorpe is said to be father of Sir Robert^5 Roos Lord of Ingmanthorpe, Steeton, and many other lands in Yorkshire, who had two sons—

Robert,[6] of Steeton, co. York.

William,[6] of Ingmanthorpe, co. York.*

Robert[6] Roos, of Steeton, married Elizabeth, dau. of Sir John Middleton of Stockeld, co. York (of Middleton Hall says the Visitation of Rutland), and had

John[7] Roos, of Laxton, co. Notts, who mar. the eldest dau. and coheir of Sir Miles Etton of Gilling, and had

William[8] Roos of Laxton

At this point there is another contradiction of authorities. Thoroton (*History of Nottinghamshire,* p. 376) says, in relation to Laxton,

> Sir John Etton left the manor (11 Hen. VI.) to his grandchildren, Elizabeth wife of John Northwood, Isabell of John Rous, Margaret of Robert Moresby, and Anne of Robert Rouclifle.
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> The posterity of this John Roos got all or most of this manor by purchase or otherwise; his son's name was Robert Roos, and he had to wife Elizabeth daughter of Sir William Middleton, and by her William Roos, who married Eleanor, daughter of Sir Christopher Wainsford, &c.

Here the father and grandfather of William[8] are made to change places; but which account is right?

William[8] Roos of Laxton married Elinor daughter of Christopher Wandisford of Kirklington, and had

Humphrey[9] of Laxton.

Richard[9] of Torkesey, co. Linc. of whom hereafter.

Humphrey[9] Roos married [Anne†] daughter of [Richard†] Restwold of the Vache, and [secondly Margaret Linne of Southwyke in Northamptonshire. He died 13 Hen. VIII. A.D. 1522].† By his first wife he had [besides William[10] of whom hereafter],†

Francis[10] Roos of Laxton, who married [Elizabeth] daughter of Thomas Scrimshire of Norbury, co. Staff. and had

Peter.[11]

Thomas,[11] of whom hereafter.

Mary[11] married Thomas Broughton of Broughton, co. Stafford.

Alice[11] ‡ married Brian Stapelton of Burton Joyce, Anthony Stapleton of Romsen, and Thomas Leeke of Hasland, co. Derby.

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* For Ross of Ingmanthorpe (*temp.* Hen. VIII.) consult Blore's "Rutland," p. 8.

† Supplied from Thoroton.

‡ See *Herald and Genealogist*, vi. 161.

Joan[11]* ? married Thomas Whitmore of Madeley, co. Stafford.
A daughter[11] married . . . . . Fairfax of Gilling.†
A daughter married . . . . . Marshall or Maxfield.†
A daughter married . . . . . Scrimshire of Norbury.†

The will of this Francis Roos has been found in the Court of Probate, in London, by Col. Chester. It is dated 4 Nov. 1577, and was proved 26 Apr. 1580. An abstract is given at the end of this article.

Peter[11] Roos of Laxton married first Agnes, daughter of Sir James Harvey, Lord Mayor of London [1582], and had a daughter Anne[12] who married Sir Griffin Markham.† Peter married secondly [Bridget],‡ daughter and heir of Robert Roos of Ingmanthorpe, and had—

Gilbert,[12] who married a daughter of . . . . Orrell, of South Cave [and had two daughters, one married to . . . . . . Thomas of the county of Essex, who had part of North Leverton, the other never married.]‡

Peter.[12]

Of Bridget (Roos), Peter's widow, Thoroton says she, "after her husband's death, married one Richard Clark, and, as the inhabitants say, by her own misfortunes and the wicked unthriftiness of her son the said Gilbert Roos, the last lord of Laxton of this noble race, was reduced to so great poverty that she gleaned corn among other poor people in Laxton fields."

Peter[12] Roos, according to Thoroton, was of Knesale, married Frances daughter of . . . . . Marshall, and had four daughters and one son—

Gilbert,[12] who married Elizabeth, daughter of Augustine Hinde of Laxton-Morehouse, and died 1661. He had—

Gilbert,[13] aged 14 in 1670.
Peter,[13] aged 11 in 1670.
Maria.[13]
Frances.
Troth.

Here ends this branch; but reverting to the next—

Thomas[11] (son of Francis[10]) Roos, married [Anne]‡ daughter of

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* See *Herald and Genealogist*, vi. 162, and iv. 399.

† See p. 333 of the present volume.

‡ Supplied from Thoroton.

. . . . . . Pirton [or Pickston, who married . . . . . . Mainwaring],* and had--

Francis.[12]

John[12] [who married Elizabeth Roos of Weston, and had William[13] of Laxton, whose wife was Anna Griselda, widow of . . . Cooper, and who had

John[14] Roos, aged 8 in 1666].*

Francis[12] Roos [married Elizabeth daughter of Peter Orrell of South Cave, co. York. Her aunt married Gilbert[12] Roos, cousin of Francis. They had

John.[13]
Francis.[13]
Peter.[13]
Valentine.[13] *]

[Of whom John[13] Roos of Laxton married Jane daughter of . . . East of Carberton and had

Francis,[14] aged 22 in 1670; John,[14] aged 15; Thomas,[14] aged 13; Peter,[14] aged 8; Elizabeth,[14] aged 18; Mary,[14] aged 16; Sarah,[14] aged 12; and Jane,[14] aged 6.*]

We will next take the oldest branch of the Laxton family as recorded in Thoroton:—

William[10] Roos, older brother of Francis[10] Roos of Laxton, married Maria Eliot, and had

[Barnard[11] Roos of Egmanton, whose son William[12] Roos of Egmanton married Sarah, daughter and co-heir of John Samon of Turford. They had an only daughter, Sarah[13] Roos, who married Edmund Lacock, clerk, whose daughter Deborah Lacock, says Thoroton (p. 319), is "wife of my cousin John Ouseley, rector of Panfield in Essex."]

Here we complete the record of the Laxton line; but another branch is recorded in the Visitation of Rutland, 1618 (Harleian Society), as well as in that of Nottinghamshire in 1569 and 1614. The two accounts agree so closely that they must have had a common origin. We follow that of the Visitation of Nottinghamshire—

Richard[9] Roos of Torkesey, co. Lincoln, had a son

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* Supplied from Thoroton.

William[10] Roos of East Barre, in Laxton, co. Notts, who married . . . daughter of . . . Darwin, and had—

Thomas[11] died s.p.

Richard[11] of Snenton, married the daughter and heir of . . . Warren of Snenton, co. Notts, and had two sons, viz.:

Henry[12] of Snenton, whose son Henry[13] was alive in 1618.

George[12] died s. p.

Edward[11] of Laxton, of whom hereafter.

Roger[11] of Egmanton, co. Notts, married Catherine Leuesby or Levesey of Laxton, and had Michell[12].

Anthony[11] married Elizabeth Blague.

Catherine[11] married John Lucas of London.

Edward[11] Roos of Laxton, third son, married Agnes daughter of Anthony Colly of Glaston, co. Rutland, and had

Edward.[12]

Joane[12] married Thomas Gurney of Marnham, co. Notts.

Edward[12] Roos of Ashwell, co. Rutland, 1618, married Mary daughter and heir of John Castlin of Ashwell, and had

Francis,[13] aged 25 in 1618.

Edward,[13] under-sheriff of Rutland, 1618.

Theodosia,[13] married Leonard Cole of Stamford.

Ellen,[13] married Anthony Harston of Peterborough.

Alice,[13] married John Heard of Ashwell.

Mary.[13]

The evidence to be gained from wills at the York Registry is scanty.

March 2, 1605-6. Administration of Peter Roos of Laxton (our Peter[11]) was granted to his widow Bridget Clark *alias* Roos, with tuition of his son Peter Roos. This was revoked 12th March, and another granted June 30th, 1606, to Peter Roos of Laxton. 1610, June 9. Administration of Peter Roos of Laxton to Bridget wife of Hugh Clarke.

Again, Dec. 16, 1606, will of Thomas Roos of Laxton (evidently the Thomas[11] son of Francis and brother of preceding) mentions wife Anne, sons Francis and John, daughter Jane wife of William Hore, illegitimate children Christopher Roos *alias* Coupe and Dorothy Coupe. Supervisor Brian Broughton (probably his nephew). 1630,

Oct. 31. Anne Roos, widow. Administration to son Francis to his own use and that of his brother John Roos.

Oct. 9, 1617. Administration of BARBARA Roos *alias* COUPE of Carlton to her husband Christopher Roos *alias* Coupe.

1634, Oct. 9. Administration of Francis Roos of Laxton to his widow Elizabeth.

In proof of the Rutlandshire line we have the will dated

April 12, 1552. Of WILLIAM ROSE of Laxton (evidently the son of Richard,[9] grandson of William[8] Roos and Elinor Wandisford). He mentions sons Anthony, Barnard, Thomas, Edward, and Richard, and daughter Katherine; makes supervisor "Master Francis Roose, my cousin," who is of course our Francis.[10] All these children except Barnard appear in the pedigree.

1575, May 9. EDWARD Roos of Laxton, evidently son of the preceding, makes his will and mentions brother Barnard, son Edward and his wife Mary, daughter Jane wife of Thomas Gurnell, son-in-law Peter Levesay, wife Joan, daughters Barbara and Anne. As compared with the Visitation it would indicate that Edward had married a second wife not there recorded.

There are also at York administrations as follows:

1603, Aug. 8. Of Edward Roos of Laxton to his brother Peter.

1617-18, Jan. 13. Of John Roos of Egmanton to Edward Roos of same place.

1622, Aug. 13. Of Peter Roos of Moorhouses (in Laxton) to Nicholas Parkthorpe of Laxton.

These are all, I believe, that are recorded at York prior to 1660.

Abstract of the Will of Francis Roos of Laxton.

(C. P. C. 14 Arundel.) FRANCIS ROOSSE of Swinched, co. Stafford, esq. dated 4 Nov. 1577. To be buried in the parish church of Stawne, near my wife. To each of my tenants that are cottagers in co. Stafford 2 pence and a year's rent of their cottages; to each of my tenants cottagers in Laxton a year's rent. To Rafe Hariam, dwelling in Mooreshouse, a year's rent. To my sons Peter Roosse and Thomas Roose each 40*l.* a month after my decease. To my son-in-law Thomas Broughton, to use of his eldest son Francis Broughton and his other sons in succession, 40*l.* "Item, I will that my Exors. shall within one month after my decease pay unto my son-

in-law Thomas Whitmore the like sum of 40*l.* upon his sufficient bond that he shall employ the same to the use of his sons in this order, to wit, that his eldest son William Whitmore shall have the interest thereof for the 2 first years, and his son Francis Whitmore the interest thereof for the 2 next years after that, and after the said 4 years his youngest son Peter Whitmore to have the interest thereof for other two years; and then I will that after the end of the said 6 years Thomas Whitmore their father shall have the occupation and profit thereof for other 2 years, and after those 8 years I will that the said 40*l.* shall remain to his eldest son William Whitmore to his only use as my free gift to him for ever." To my sons Peter and Thomas Roosse and my sons-in-law Thomas Broughton, John Badeley and Thomas Whitmore each a yoke of oxen. To my daughter-in-law my son Thomas Roosses wife, and to my daughters Thomas Broughton's wife, John Badeley's wife, Thomas Whitmore's wife, and William Maxfield's wife, each two cows. Other bequests of household stuffs, &c. to said sons, daughters, daughters-in-law, and my son-in-law William Maxfield. To Thomas Keymeys of Bowres, and William Kent of the Mayre, each an ox. "Item, I will that of such goods, cattells, and chattells as I have unbequeathed, my executors shall pay unto my daughter Dorotheis children living, to each of them twenty nobles. To the churchwardens of the chapel of Chorlton 20*s.* to be employed in the reparation of the said chapel and maintenance of the service there. To John and Francis, the two eldest sons of my son-in-law John Badeley, each 10*l.* when 18 years of age. Residue to my son Peter Roosse and my friend Mathew Cradocke of Stafford, Merchant of the Staple, and appoint them Executors. (Proved 26 April 1580 by said son Peter Roosse, power reserved to said Mathew Cradocke.)

All these places, except Laxton, are near together, in Staffordshire. *Stawne*, where he was to be buried, is Standon. (See Erdeswicke, Harwood's edit. p. 100, last line.) Swinched is clearly Swineshead. A note to Erdeswicke, p. 90, says "*Thomas* Roos of *Luxley* in Notts, 20 Eliz. (A.D. 1578) died seized of the granges of Ellerton, Batisacre, Fowk Clanford, and Eld-Knighton and other lands, and a moiety of the manor of Meere, Swineshead, and Charlton, and left them to Peter Roos his son." There can be no doubt that this is a mistake for *Francis* Roos of *Laxton*, all the facts agreeing with what is known of him. Chorlton or Charlton and Swineshead are but a mile or two from

Broughton. Macr and Bowres are in the same neighbourhood, and appear still on the county map. At Macr it seems are monuments to the Macclesfields, to which family belonged William Macclesfield, "now owner of the greater part of Macre and Aston," says Erdeswicke, about 1595. It is probable that Francis Roos's son-in-law Maxfield belonged to this family.

It seems evident that Francis Roos, who was of Nottinghamshire, was brought to Staffordshire by his marriage with Elizabeth daughter of Thomas Scrimshire of Norbury, a place about as far south of Eccleshall as Chorlton is north.

As to the marriages of Francis Roos's daughters, it seems quite certain that Mary married Thomas Broughton of Broughton; Joan married Thomas Whitmore of Madeley; —— (unnamed) married William Maxfield (or Macclesfield). A fourth daughter married John Badeley; and there was apparently a daughter, Dorothy, who had died leaving children—she may have been the wife either of Fairfax or Scrimshire; and there was certainly a daughter Alice who married a Stapleton, who was not named in her father's will, though then living. To compare the will with Thoroton's account, they agree on three names, Broughton, Whitmore, and Maxfield. Thoroton adds Fairfax and Scrimshire, besides Stapleton, otherwise proved to be right. The will omits Stapleton, but adds Badeley, which is not in Thoroton. I can see no reason however to discredit Thoroton,* either in regard to Fairfax or Scrimshire.

The John Badeley was doubtless the John Badeley of Ellerton Grange, in co. Stafford, whose will is dated 8 April 1605; proved 2 July 1606. He mentions wife Katherine, oldest son John; gives daughter Susan 30*l.*; daughter Joyce 40*l.*; son Thomas 30*l.*; son Francis 20 marks; son Walter 20*l.*; son James 40*l.*; daughter Eme 40*l*; to daughter Rose a ring, and same to daughter Elizabeth and her husband and daughter Ellen.

Boston, U.S.A. WILLIAM H. WHITMORE.

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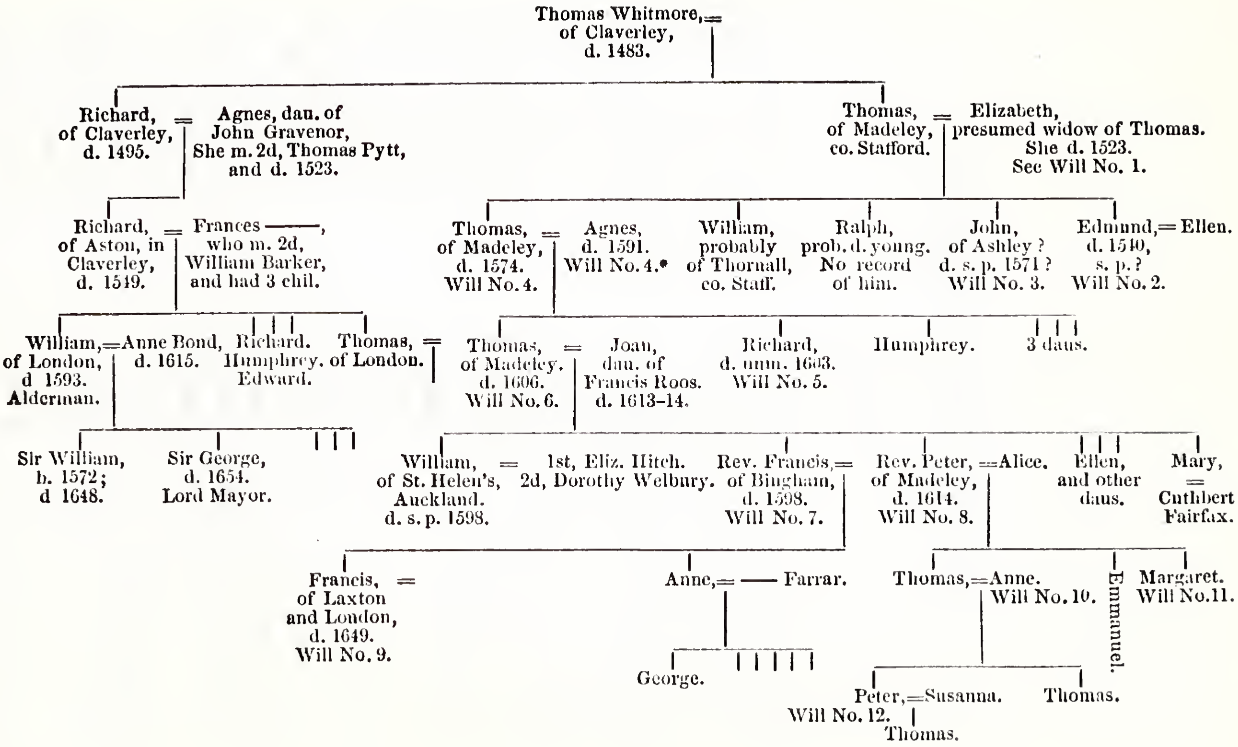
* It is of course possible that Thoroton may have made a mistake in saying that Francis Roos's *daughter* married a Fairfax of Gilling, it being a fact that two of his *grand-daughters* did marry into that family. Still it is the least satisfactory method of disposing of a knotty question to style it an entire error.

Tract No. Four.

WHITMORES OF MADELEY, CO. STAFFORD.


Thomas Whitmore, = of Claverley, d. 1483.
Richard, of Claverley, d. 1495. = Agnes, dau. of John Gravenor, She m. 2d, Thomas Pytt, and d. 1523.
Thomas, of Madeley, co. Stafford. = Elizabeth, presumed widow of Thomas. She d. 1523. See Will No. 1.
Richard, of Aston, in Claverley, d. 1549. = Frances ——, who m. 2d, William Barker, and had 3 chil.
Thomas, of Madeley, d. 1574. Will No. 4. = Agnes, d. 1591. Will No. 4.*
William, probably of Thornall, co. Staff.
Ralph, prob. d. young. No record of him.
John, of Ashley ? d. s. p. 1571 ? Will No. 3.
Edmund, = Ellen. d. 1540, s. p.? Will No. 2.
William, = Anne Bond, of London, d 1593. Alderman. d. 1615.
Richard. Humphrey. Edward.
Thomas, = of London.
Thomas, of Madeley, d. 1606. Will No. 6. = Joan, dau. of Francis Roos. d. 1613–14.
Richard, d. unm. 1603. Will No. 5.
Humphrey.
3 daus.
Sir William, b. 1572; d 1648.
Sir George, d. 1654. Lord Mayor.
William, of St. Helen's, Auckland. d. s. p. 1598. = 1st, Eliz. Hitch. 2d, Dorothy Welbury.
Rev. Francis, = of Bingham, d. 1598. Will No. 7.
Rev. Peter, = Alice. of Madeley, d. 1614. Will No. 8.
Ellen, and other daus.
Mary, = Cuthbert Fairfax.
Francis, = of Laxton and London, d. 1649. Will No. 9.
Anne, = —— Farrar.
George.
Thomas, = Anne. Will No. 10.
Emmanuel.
Margaret. Will No. 11.
Peter, = Susanna. Will No. 12.
Thomas.
Thomas.

WHITMORES OF MADELEY.

In Tract No. 1 of the present series, p. 8, it is shown that Thomas[14] Whytemore of Claverly, co. Salop, who died in 1483, had two sons, Richard[15] his heir, and Thomas[15] of Madeley, co. Staff. There is no question that there were Whitmores at Madeley, as is shown by the wills still on record, from Elizabeth Whitmore who died in 1523, to Thomas who died about 1682. But the early records of Madeley are lost, and the earliest remaining one begins in 1678, though the system of parish records began in 1538. I examined the record at Madeley in 1862, and the single notice there was as follows: "Sarah, the daughter of John Whittmore and Margaret his wife, travelling persons, was baptized April ye ninth, 1694."

Possibly duplicates of the early records may be found in the Bishop's registry, but the prospect is not promising.

We are driven, therefore, to other sources to obtain materials for the pedigree, and therein we can have very fair success, mainly through the wills of the various members of the family.

The annexed pedigree shows the probable outline of the family, in which but two suppositions have to be made.

1st. That Elizabeth, who died a widow in 1523, was wife of Thomas[15] Whitmore, who settled at Madeley. She is clearly of that generation, and the fact is most probable.

2d. That Thomas, who died in 1574, and from whom the Madeley branch is clearly traced for several generations, was

the son of Elizabeth (and Thomas) though not mentioned in his mother's will. If the pedigree is ever traced back with certainty to this point, I think it can be established, and therefore I will not waste time upon it. It is sufficiently probable for our purpose.

We now proceed to the evidences taken from the Registry of Wills at Lichfield and the Prerogative Court, London. Most of the abstracts were made by Col. J. L. Chester. A few were made by the late H. G. Somerby, from originals which had been mislaid when Col. Chester visited Lichfield, but which will be found again on search, as they are on the index. Either gentleman is a sufficient authority.

1.

[Lichfield Registry.—Will of Elizabeth, supposed wife of Thomas. Abstract made by Col. J. L. CHESTER.]

ELIZABETH WHITMORE of the Lane in Madeley Parish, widow, will dated 19 March, 1522–3. To be buried in Madeley church-yard. To *Ralph* my son, 6 marks bequeathed him by his father, also 4 sheep and 2 lambs; residue to *William* and *John* my sons. Appoints my son *Edmund* executor, and he proved 18 July, 1524.

2.

On the Act Books of Lichfield is a Minute of the following will, the original not now on file.

EDMUND WHITMORE of Madeley, co. Stafford. proved Oct. 5, 1540, by the relict *Ellen*; power reserved to *Richard* Whitmore.

[NOTE.—This Richard may be his supposed nephew, son of Thomas.[2]]

3.

[Lichfield Registry. Copied by H. G. SOMERBY.]

JOHN WHITMORE of Ashley, co. Stafford, dated 2 June, 1571, proved May 7, 1572. He desires to be buried in the church-yard, near where the cross standeth. Legacies to a large number of persons named; among them his brother *William*, cousin Margaret wife of Roger York, Kinswoman Margaret Shaw, and the children of brother *William* not specified. Appoints Thomas Bucklaye, gent., John Pyrkyn of Mayre and Thomas Short of Ashley, executors.

[Note.—We think that as Ashley is but six miles south of Madeley, this John may well be the son of Elizabeth of will No. 1. He has a brother William, and she had sons John and William. So again, his executor is Thomas Bulkley, gent., and in 1579 Thomas Whitmore of Madeley, presumed nephew of John W., had as trustees Rowland Bulkley, of Buntingdale, co. Stafford, and Thomas Bulkley the younger, of Woore (or Ore) co. Salop. These Bulkleys were undoubtedly all of one family. William Bulkley of Woore m. Beatrix, dau. of William Hill of Buntingstall; his son Thomas B. of Woore and Buntingstall was undoubtedly the executor of John Whitmore, while Rowland B. of Woore and Thomas, Jr., of Buntingstall were sons of Thomas B. Their brother, the Rev. Edward B., was father of the Rev. Peter Buckley, who came to New-England. Possibly there was an intermarriage of the Whitmores and Bulkleys; at all events, these papers show they were friends as well as neighbors.]

4.

[Lichfield Registry. Copied by H. G. Somerby.]

Thomas Whitmore of Thornall, in the Parish of Madeley, co. Stafford, yeoman, died 12 May, 1573. His will is dated 6 May, 1573, and proved 6 Oct., 1574. He desires to be buried in the church. Gives to his younger son *Humphrey* a tenement in Betley, being the inheritance of his mother, for the term of twenty-one years, he paying the rent to his mother during said term. To son *Richard* a tenement in Asseley for twenty-one years, he paying to his eldest brother *Thomas*, 6s. a year. Mentions his three daughters, son *Thomas* to give them £20 upon the day of his marriage. Speaks of his father, and mentions his lands in Thornall. Appoints his wife *Agnes* and son *Thomas* executors. Witnessed by William Whitmore of Thornall, and others.

[Note.—This witness was presumably his brother.]

4.*

[Lichfield Registry. H. G. Somerby.]

Agnes Whitmore of Madeley, co. Stafford, widow, died 25 Dec., 1591. Will dated 23 May, 1591; proved 20 Jan. 1591–2. Mentions sons *Humphrey, Richard* and *Thomas,* daughters Margaret Podmore, Anne Sherrat and Margaret Gorton. Appoints son Thomas, executor.

In treating of these three sons of Thomas and Agnes, viz., Thomas, Richard and Humphrey, we will first dispose of Richard, as he undoubtedly died unmarried.

5.

[Lichfield Register. J. L. CHESTER.]

RICHARD WHITMORE of Thornall, parish Madeley, joyner, died 4 Dec. 1603. Will dated 30 Nov. 1603, proved 4 Jan. 1603–4. To be buried in Madeley church-yard. To my brother *Thomas* Whitmore, a silver spoon, half my timber and half my tools, a bed and bedding, &c. To *Margaret* Whitmore a ewe. To *Ellen* Whitmore a ewe lamb. To *William* Whitmore a ewe hog. To *Robert* Whitmore a lamb. To *Anne* Whitmore a lamb. To *Dorothy* Whitmore a ewe. To *Elizabeth* Whitmore a cupboard. To *Egerton* Whitmore a great chest, and to his wife a desk. To my brother John Sherret a bill of 52s. to pay himself therewith, and the residue to go to the use of his children. To Elizabeth Sherrat a ewe. To my sister Margaret Podmore a cow, &c., and to her son Humphrey a heifer. To my uncle John Browne and my aunt Mary all the debts that are between us. To my sister Margery two cows. William Browne owes me 13s. 4d. which I will have bestowed in bringing of my home. John Cliffe owes me four groats for four coffins, 10d. for two days' work, and 4d. for mending a spindle wheel. William Blest owes me 8d. which last debts I give unto George Gorton with a new shirt. Mr. John Astow the elder owes me 7s. which I give to the poor. Mr. Egerton owes me 4s. for making two forms, and 4 groats for making two boxes, which I give to my sister Margerie. To my brother *Humphrey* half my timber and half my tools, &c. To Anne Hilton a cow. To Thomas Podmore a doublet, and same to William Podmore. To Humphrey Podmore a pair of breeches, &c. To *William* Whitmore a black hat, a black falling band; the three other bands to go to Margerie's children. To Ellen Withinshew a pair of thin shoes. To my three god-children, each 1s. To the schoolmaster, a chest. Appoint my brother Thomas Whittmore, executor. Inventory of personalty, total, £21: 16: 0.

As to the oldest son Thomas, we find the following will, here printed. The abbreviated words are all given at length.

6.

[Lichfield Registry. J. L. CHESTER.]

In the name of God, Amen. The 4th daie of August, Anno Domini 1601. I, THOMAS WHITMORE of Barr Hill in the parishe of Madeley and county of Stafforde, Gentleman, of perfect minde and memorie, I thancke God therefore, make my last Will and Testament in manner and forme followinge. First, I bequeath my soule to Allmighty God and my Bodie to Christian burial. Allso I dooe give unto *Peter* Whitmore my sonne and Heire all that my Capitall meswage at Barr Hill aforesaid, and all my lands, medowes, leasowes, pastures and commons with all and singuler theire appurtenances to the same Capitall meswage belongeinge or appertaineinge: And one Coteage in Oneley in the county of Stafford now in the tenure of Richard Blackhurst, and all my landes and tenements and hereditaments whatsoever in Onely aforesaid with theire appurtenances: And allso one pasture called Wilkinsfielde, one meadowe called Wilkinsfielde medowe, and one crofte called the Starrefield at Litkinsende in the Lordeshipe of Madeley, in the county aforesaid. And allso the reversion and reversions of all other my lands, tenements and hereditaments whatsoever called the Mossefield, with the appurtenances lyinge in the Lordeship of Weston Curry in the parishe of Careswall in the county aforesaid: And of all my lands at Litkensende aforesaide, now in jointure of *Joane* my Wife. To have and to hold my said capitall meswage and all other the premises with all and singular theire appurtenances after my decease, and the reversion and reversions of all other my lands and tenements and hereditaments called the Mossefields with appurtenances, and of all other my lands at Litkinsende aforesaid with theire appurtenances now in jointure as before, after the death of *Joane* my Wife, to him the said *Peter* Whitmore and to the heires males of his bodye lawfully begotte. And for default of such yssue to my cossen *Francis* Whitmore and to the heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten. And for default of such yssue, to the right heires of me the said Thomas Whitmore for ever.

Allso I give to *Joane* my Wife, in contentation and satisfaction of her parte and portion of my goods, the chamber wherein wee lye, and allso two bedds in the same chamber as they are now furnished, dureinge her naturall life, if it please her to stay at it, keepinge her sole and unmarried. Allso I give to my coosen *Thomas* Whitmore, eldest sonne of *Peter* Whitmore my sonne, six silver spoons with a [duble] W

in the ende of everie one of them, upon this condition, that my sonne *Peter* may have the use of them duringe the life of the said *Peter* my said sonne.

Allso I give to my very friende Robert Morris, clerke, now Vicar of Madeley, twentye shillings.

Allso I give to John Sydway, Gent., twentye shillings.

Item. I give to everie Godchilde living at my decease xii *d.*

Allso I give to be equally divided amongst ten of the poorest howseholders in Madeley parrishe aforesaid, at the discretion of my Executor and Overseer, twentie shillings. Item. I give to six Ringers to ring faire to be chosen by me or the Vicar then beinge, to everie one of them twelfe pence. Allso my Harriots, mortuarie debts, legacies, and funerall expenses discharged, the rest of my moveable goods and chattels whatsoever I have or of right ought to have, I give and bequeath them to my coosen *Emmanuell* Whitmore, and that my Executor shall have the custody of the goods and chattels belongeing to the said Emmanuel, and to employ them to the best use and profite he can, for the keepeinge of him to the schoole until he come to the age of one and twentie years; and for the performance hereof, my Executor to put in a sufficient bonde to be acceptable to the said *Emmanuell,* for the same goods when he shall come to the age of one and twentie years as aforesaid. And yf it fortune that the said *Emmanuel* die before he accomplishe the age of 21 yeares that then the said goods and chattels to remaine and come to the next younger sonne of the said *Peter* Whitmore, if it please God he have any. And for want of such yssue, ye foresaid goods to be equally geven and devided betwene my two coosens *Margrett* and *Jane* Whitmore, and to the survivour of them, at the foresaid age of xxi. yf they marry by the consent and good likeinge of theire Father, or else to remain to my Executor and his right heires.

Lastly, I dooe constitute and make ye said *Peter* Whitmore my said sonne and heire, my sole and onely Executor, and John Sydway, Gent., overseer of this my last Will and Testament, to see it executed and performed accordinge to the true maineinge in every respect, as my full trust in them is.

Witness to this my last Will and Testament, sealed and delivered by the Testator him selffe to his sonne and sole executor, Peter Whitmore, upon the Testator's owne free will and consent, being *sui juris, et sanæ mentis bonæque valetudinis,* and haveinge *animum testandi,* the first day of March, *anno Domini* 1603, in the howse of ROBERT MORRIS,

clerk, Vicar of Madeley. In witnesse of ROBERT SIDWAYE, Thomas Lightefoote, Richarde Flint, Robert Morris, clerke.

This is a true Copie of my Father's Will, at such tyme as he made the same, I do protest in truth and veritie upon my Faith, to my knowledge, *p.* me Petrus Whitmore."

[Proved Oct. 31, 1606, by said son and Executor, Peter Whitmore.]

I have not yet traced Humphrey, the youngest brother of Richard and Thomas, though I am sure that I have a record of some of his descendants, as I shall show later in these pages. The Thomas Whitmore of this will married Joan Roos, as is shown *ante* in Tract No. 3. He lived to be an old man, and seems, from the will of his son Peter, to have been for 35 years "a trusty servitor and faithful wellwisher to the house of Bradwall." Very probably he was steward of the manor in the Sneyd family at Bradwell. The then head of the family was Ralph Sneyd, whose daughter Ann m. Sir Thomas Scrimshire, of Aqualate. Thomas Whitmore's mother-in-law was a Scrimshire.

In the next generation, we shall trace the descendants of Thomas Whitmore and Joan Roos.

Of WILLIAM WHITMORE, oldest son of Thomas, I find only that he was of St. Helen's Auckland, co. York, and was presumably of age in 1562, when his name occurs in a list of debts. (See Durham Wills, Surtees Society, vol. ii. p. 213.) He is also mentioned in an old roll of arms (Tonge's Visitation, Surtees Society, p. xvii.) as bearing Vert, a fret *or*.*

His first wife was Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Hitch, gent., and he m. 2d Dorothy Welbury, at St. Andrew's Auckland, 28 Sept., 1587. He had no issue, as appears by his nephew's (Francis of London) declaration in 1606 in his Bill in Chancery. In an indenture of Peter Roos, in possession of Earl Manvers,

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* On this point it may be noted that it is stated in *Notes and Queries* (3d s. v. 159) that in 1583 Thomas Whitmore, of Madeley, failed to prove his pedigree before Glover. Reference is to Harl. MS. 1396 and 1570; Morant's Essex, i. 492.

dated 7 April, 1592, one of the parties was William Whitmore, gent., of Wolstanton, co. Stafford, a place two miles from Newcastle.

At York, Col. Chester found the administration of the estate of William Whitmore, gentleman, of St. Helen's Auckland, co. Durham, granted, 4 Dec., 1598, to his widow Dorothy.

7.

[Will of Rev. Francis Whitmore, March 10, 1597–8.]

[From the original, registered in Archbishop Hutton's books at York, fol. 138^{b}. J. L. CHESTER.]

"Be it knowne to all men by these presents, that the tenth daie of March, in the yeare of our Lord God, according to the accompte of the Church of England, one thousand five hundredth ninety seaven, FRANCIS WHITMORE, clerk, parson of Bingham in the countie of Nottingham and dioces of Yorke, beinge sicke in bodie but of perfect minde and memorie, made this his last will and testament nuncupative, or by word of mouth onlie, speaking to his brother in law *Henrie Spurr*, clerke, in manner and form followinge, viz.:—

"I would have Wilson's part paid presentlie out of my goodes; the residue of my goodes I would have them equallie divided between *my two children;* and my bodie to be laid in the chauncell near unto my wief; and I make my *uncle Rosse* and my *brother Spurre*, mine executors."

These being witnesses, Thomas Wright, gentleman, *Alice Whitmore* and Heley Spurr."

(Proved by Henry Spurr, 11 May, 1598.)

NOTES TO NO. 7.

Rev. FRANCIS WHITMORE, second son of Thomas, was a clergyman. He was of Balliol Coll., Oxford, *c* 1571–5, but not described on the rolls. He compounded for first fruits May 6, 1581 (23 Eliz.), for Bingham, co. Notts; May 16, 1582 (24 Eliz.), for Kirkby upon Wiske, co. York; Nov. 6, 1584 (26 Eliz.), for Draieste and Chiseldon, co. Wilts; 29 April,

1589 (31 Eliz.), for "Seggiston Ecc. South."* He evidently held these all together, since his will terms him "of Bingham," and his Kirkby-Wiske living, the gift of his brother William, was filled 1 July, 1598, by Valentine Wood, "per mortem Whitmore." (Whitaker's Richmondshire, i. 294.) Col. Chester writes (17 April, 1869), "the fact that Rev. Francis Whitmore appears to have held four livings *in commendam*, proves that he was a popular, successful and well-to-do man." He evidently was of Bingham, chiefly, but the register begins March 29, 1598, so that the one he kept, if he had one, is lost. Orston, where his brother Peter was, is in the union of Bingham. As to his will, Alice Whitmore was undoubtedly the wife of his brother, Rev. Peter. His "brother Spurre" is called in Peter's will (p. 13) "parson Spur, who perjured himself as did his wife about my father's land in hope of some share thereof." Hence we may infer that Spur married a sister of Francis and Peter Whitmore.

Now in East Bridgeford, co. Notts, a village some three miles north of Bingham, we find that the rector was Henry Spurre, inducted in 1584. April 27, 1589, Francis, son of Henry Spur, is baptized. 1628, Nov. 23, Henry Spur *rector hujus ecclesiæ* is buried. It is possible that Henry held office for forty-four years, but more likely that a son of the same name held part of the time. At all events it is probable that the Henry Spur of 1584, the next neighbor of Rev. Francis Whitmore, was also his brother-in-law. The East Bridgeford records have been searched by Col. Chester. No wills of Spurrs at York throw any light on the matter.

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* This may be Kirkby Sigston, or Siggeton, North Riding of York, a place 9 miles north from Thirsk, as Kirkby Wiske is 5 miles west from Thirsk. The latter Kirkby Wiske is in the union of Gilling, partly, and Gilling was the chief place of the Fairfaxes. It is very certain that a sister of Francis Whitmore was the wife of Cuthbert Fairfax, of Acaster Malbis, and also probable that Francis's aunt (or his mother's sister, a Roos) had also married a Fairfax of Gilling. (See Tract No. 3.)

8.

[Will of Rev. Peter Whitmore. Lichfield Registry. J. L. CHESTER.]

"Miserere mei Deus secundum magnam misericordiam tuam."

Know all men by theise presents how that this 16th daie of January anno ab incarnacione Domini 1608, I, *Peter Whittmore* of Barr hill in the parish of Madeley and countye of Stafford, sick and diseased in Bodie, But of good and perfect mynd and memorye (praise be given to God), Doe make my last Will and Testamente in manner and forme followinge:

First I bequeath my bodye after I ame departed this life to be buried in Madeley Church neere unto the place where the Corps of my late deseased father was buried, willinge to have neyther passinge peale, nor ringinge, nor any Bell to be sterred at all for mee; but to be buried in the morninge before daye, within 44 howers after I ame departed, and that quietly and with as small Company as may: Beseecheinge God to send mee a Joyfull Resurrection.

And my Soule I give and commende unto Almightye God my Creator, Sanctifyer and Redeemer, trustinge to be saved by the onely misterye of my Saviour Christes Incarnacion, whome I beseech to strengthen and defende me in the hower of Death against the enemy and all such Spirites, and sende his holie Angells to comford mee, and to beare my Soule into the Blessed Kingdome of the blessed Payntes in the Trimuphant Church of God's Elect children in Heaven.

Protestinge heere before all the worlde (yf I die att this tyme) how *Peter Broughton* and *Fraunces Whittmore* or one of them twayne weare my Bane, by poysninge me by some ill meanes att London, whilse they keepte mee theire full Wrongfully in sutte about my Lands. *Item*, as concerninge all my lands both in possession and revercion, I give and bequeath to my eldest sonne *Thomas* Whittmore *alias* Whytmore, in and after such manner and forme as the same now standeth, all are both by lawfull conveyance in the Law, by fyne &c., and by the last Will of his Grandfather, my said Father *Thomas* Whitmore or Whytmore departed, trustinge verily in Almightie God that not any of the said Lands nor any parte or parcell of the same shall bee att any tyme taken forth of my possession or my childrens in any of the daies of all our lyves.

Forasmuch as by the false villayne of the said Peter Broughton who mentayned (as a most damnable champester) an unjust sutte of the said *Fraunces* Whittmore, upon collor of a forged Deede of feoffment

never sealed by my sayde father, for a joynture for my eldest Brother *William* Whittmore's wiffe, I was compelled by way of certayne Articles before Sir John Tyndall, Knight, to graunt to the said Fraunces after my Mother's decease, soe much Landes as shee had specified in her Joynture. Which maye prove a most wrongffull and sinnfull acte ageynst my owne sonnes and theire heyres, by deprivinge or *p'indisinge (sic)* them of theire right (unless ytt please God to helpe them) for the which I pray the Lord God to forgive mee.

Item, as touchinge my goods beinge butt small by reason of my manifold troubles and sicknes. First, I give and bequeath unto my sonne *Emmanuell* Whitmore, tenn pounds to be putt fourth by my executors, assignes or any of them, to his best use when he shall attayne to the age of xxi years, and the benefitt or profit theiroff to be delivered by them thencefourth yeirely untill hee accomplish the age of thirtie yeeres; at which tyme my will is that the said tenn pounds, beinge the stocke ytt selfe, shall duely and truely be given and delivered unto him even to his owne handes to use as hee himselfe shall please and thinke good.

Item. I doe give and bequeath to my eldest Daughter *Margreat* Whittmore Tenn poundes; and to *Jane* Whitmore hir sister Twentie shillinges for theire childes porcions to be delivered unto them and given them att such tyme and tymes as they shall attayne the full age of 27 yeires a peece, to use as they shall think best.

Alsoe my will and desier is that my Mother shall peaceably hould and enjoye all such roomes in my mansion howse att Barhill as shee now doeth, and that shee and my wyeffe and children continue together and dwell together, as hitherto they have donne synce my Father's decease, so longe as my said mother liveth, and my children be unprovided otherwaise of some better preferment.

Also furthermore my Will and charge is, as far forth as a father may make of his sonne such demandes,—That my sonne *Thomas* Whitmore be alwaise belovinge and carefull over his sisters and brother *Emmanuell* Whitmore, and never suffer nor see him to stand in any want of such helpe as shal be meett and convenient for him; as to keepe him a horse and lett him have a chamber, and especially never to creditt nor regard any evell talles of his wyeffe's (when it shall please God hee shal be married) sugession or imaginacion against any of them; for as much as there is hardly to be found one good sister-in-law amongste many, noe more one good stepmother or stepfather, which now a dayes are all

nought and develish: from which the Lord deliver (yf ytt be his will) my poore children att all tymes.

Finally I doe constitute and make *Alice* Whitmore, my wyeffe, and *Thomas* Whitmore, my sonne and heire apparent, the lawful true and onely executors of this my last Will and Testament, joyntly together; unto whome I do give all the residue of my goods (my debts and legacies beinge paide) equally to be divided between them, savinge that I will that *Thomas* Whitmore have delivered him severally to him selfe all such thinges as were bequeathed him in his foresaid grandfather's will there specifyed.

Also I doe will that theire be an Inventory truely taken of all my said goods, boeth reall and personall, and that the lease of the *lordes landes* be truely valued and sett downe, and that the bond lykwise of 200^{l} for which I have false *parson Spur* in sutte, whoe perjured him selfe, as most damnably did his wyeffe (God is my witness) about my said father's lands, in hope of some share thereof,—be alsoe putt downe and expressed in the said inventory and sued for, being a most due debte unto mee.

Never the lesse, my meaninge is, how that after the said inventory be made, I would have all my said goodes and chattels, or the true value of them, to remayne and abyde still in my said wyeffe's handes, and shee to have the custodie and use of them together with the tuicion of my said sonne *Thomas* Whitmore until hee come to the age of 21 yeares, yf she keep hir selfe widdow after my decease so longe.

But if she shall happen to be maried in the meane season (as shee may doe, many women beinge of such maddinge and light witted myndes) then I would desier the right worshipfull Mr. Ralph Sneyd and his worshipfull son Mr. William Sneyd, or the one of them, even for Godes sake as to right and eade my said sonne *Thomas* Whitmore with soe much worshipfull pittie as to revenge and cleare him forth of his mother's hands and hir husband's whomesoever, and to take the tuicion of him and of his landes and goodes till he come forth of minoritie and nonage; and also to take him into theire worshipfull service; trustinge in God that hee will be no lesse willinge and redie to doe theire worships the best service hee shal be able at all tymes duringe his lyfe, than his grandfather, *old Thomas Whitmore*, did in tyme passed, whoe was a true and trustie servitor and faithfull wel wisher unto the right worshipfull howse of Bradwall, noe fewer yeires than 35 together before he dyed.

In witness whereof I have subscribed my name to this present wryttinge with my owne hand, the daie and yeire first above wrytten."

Witnesses, Robert Brooke, Thomas Malpas, Humphrey Bechson.

[Proved 9 Dec., 1614, by widow Alice, power reserved to son Thomas. Inventory, dated 7 Feb. 1613–14, calls him "Peter Whitmore of parish of Madeley, co. Stafford, gent." Total, £26: 10: 8.]

[NOTE.—Rev. Peter Whitmore was matriculated at Balliol Coll., Oxford, 16 Oct., 1581. He is described as of Staffordshire, a gentleman's son, and aged 18. He compounded for first fruits 29 April, 1589 (31 Eliz.), for Orston, co. Notts.]

We now proceed to the next generation, the grandchildren of "old" Thomas Whitmore, viz., Francis, son of Rev. Francis, and Thomas, Emmanuel &c., children of Rev. Peter.

Of FRANCIS WHITMORE we can say with certainty that he brought suit against his uncle Peter in 1606, when he must have been of age. In 1614, he is styled gentleman of London, in a fine, recorded in the deeds of Earl Manvers at Ollerton, co. Notts. The parties are Sir John Byron, the younger, Kn't of Newstead, co. Notts; Thos. Cludde, Esq., of Arnolds, co. Notts; Peter Broughton, gent., of London; Thomas Danby, of South Cave, co. York; and Francis Whitmore, gent., of London, pl'ffs., and Gilbert Roos, son and heir of Peter Roos, Esq., of Laxton, co. Notts, deforcant. So also in another indenture of 20 April, 1614, in the same depository. Again in another deed 3 Feb., 1618–9, and another dated two days later.

I can find no trace of him in London, unless he was the witness, in 1624, to the will of Mrs. Sarah Egerton, of London, a matter hereinafter discussed.

He undoubtedly was the man whose will is recorded in Act Book of Newark Peculiar, as copied by Col. Chester, and is as follows:

Will No. 9.

FRANCIS WHITMORE, of Laxton, co. Notts, gent. Will dated 26 Jan. 1644–5, proved by relict Joanna, 8 May, 1649. After debts, &c.

paid, to sister Anne Farrer, £10; to my nephew Robert Farrer if he be in England and living at my decease, 40s.; to my nephews, John, William, Francis, Thomas and George Farrar each 40s.; to my late servant Charles Musson of Bilstrop, co. Notts, 40s. Appoint Johane my now wife, sole executor, and said Charles Musson overseer.

Witnesses, Edwd Kelsterne, John Roos, Edwd Betney, Charles Mussone.

There can be no doubt that this Francis Whitmore, of Laxton, was the son of Rev. Francis, the person who inherited lands there from his grandmother Roos. The phrase "my now wife" may indicate that she was a second wife, though it does not prove it. He mentions no children, but I am still of opinion that he was the father of Francis Whitmore, of Cambridge, Mass., who was born in 1625.

Of the children of the Rev. Peter Whitmore in the next generation, little is yet known. EMMANUEL and THOMAS have not been traced, though one of them evidently married and left issue; and it is undoubtedly the widow of one of them whose nuncupative will is here given from the Lichfield Registry by Mr. Chester. It is clear that either Thomas or Emmanuel had issue, from their sister Margaret's will (No. 11).

Will No. 10.

ANNE WHITMORE of Gravenhanger, co. Salop (a parish close by Madeley), widow. Nuncupative will made in July, 1659. To my son Peter and daughter Jane each 12d., residue to my son Thomas, and appoint him executor. He proved the will March 6th, 1662–3.

MARGARET Whitmore, daughter of Rev. Peter, undoubtedly never married. Her will, copied by Mr. Chester, is preserved at the Prerogative Court, London (Laud, 150). I give the following abstract:—

Will No. 11.

(Laud, 150.) MARGARET WHITMORE, of Madeley, co. Stafford, spinster, "aged and weak," dated Aug. 10 and proved Nov. 3, 1662.

To be buried in the parish church of Madeley with my ancestors. To my nephew Peter Whitmore of Barhill, par. Madeley, co. Staff. Gent., what he owes me and £66:13:4 for the sole use of Thomas Whitmore his son, to be put to his use and paid him when 21 or married. To poor of Madeley £20. To my nephew Thomas Whitmore of Onneley, said parish of Madeley, £200, residue to said Peter and Thomas, my nephews, and appoint them executors (they proved). Overseers, William Sneade, of Keele, co. Staff., Esq., and Edward Mainwaring of Whitmore, co. Staff., Esq.

In the following generation, we have the will of Peter Whitmore of Barrhill in Madeley, evidently grandson of Rev. Peter W.

Will No. 12.

[Copied from Lichfield Registry by Mr. SOMERBY.]

Will of PETER WHITMORE of Barr-Hill in Madeley, dated Feb. 28, 1662–3, proved 28 April, 1663. Desires to be buried in the churchyard near his mother, and where his ancestors were buried. Son Thomas, not 18; youngest daughter Anne; eldest daughter Mary, not 21; wife Susanna; brother Thomas. Mentions his goods at Onneley in the custody of his brother Thomas. Appoints his wife, George Audley of Audley, his uncle, and William Hinton, of Ridgwardine in the parish of Brenton, his brother-in-law, executors, and his brother Thomas, overseer.

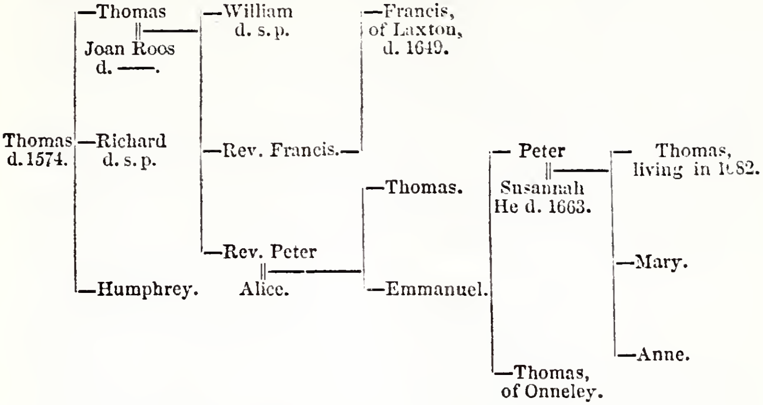
Following down, we presume that this Thomas, great-grandson of Rev. Peter, is the one meant in the following instrument, copied at Lichfield by Col. Chester.

Will No. 13.

Anne Whitmore of Madeley, co. Staff. Administration 31 March, 1682, to her husband Thomas Whitmore, yeoman. Bond by him and Ralph Henshaw, of same place, gent.

At this point, we lose of the Whitmores of Madeley, co. Staff.

To tabulate our information, it stands—


Thomas d. 1574.
Thomas
Joan Roos d. ——.
Richard d. s. p.
Humphrey.
William d. s. p.
Rev. Francis.
Rev. Peter
Alice.
Francis, of Laxton, d. 1649.
Thomas.
Emmanuel.
Peter
Susannah
He d. 1663.
Thomas, of Onneley.
Thomas, living in 1682.
Mary.
Anne.

I presume that offshoots still remain, but it would be hard work to complete the evidence, especially as there were other families of the name in Staffordshire. Hereafter, I may try to do so, but at present my interest lies in tracing the issue, if any, of Francis Whitmore, who died at Laxton in 1649. I refer my readers to my pamphlet on the origin of the name of the town of Lexington, Mass., as giving the reasons for my belief that this Francis was the father of my ancestor, Francis Whitmore, of Cambridge, Mass.

[Probable issue of Humphrey, brother of "old" Thomas Whitmore.]

Before giving the documents relating to the suit of Francis Whitmore with his uncle Peter, I wish to trace one line of this and Madeley family.

Humphrey Whitmore was the youngest son of Thomas, who died in 1574, and brother of "old" Thomas (who m. Joan Roos) and Richard; this is shown by wills Nos. 4 and 5 *ante*.

Now in 1603, Richard Whitmore divides his property between his brothers Thomas and Humphrey, and makes bequests to Margaret, Ellen, William, Robert, Anne, Dorothy, Elizabeth, and Egerton Whitmore. Who were these? Clearly not all of them

were Thomas's children who had William, Francis, Peter; nor the children of these, as Peter's issue were Thomas, Emmanuel, Margaret and Jane. Moreover, Thomas's son William was dead, and Francis had left only Francis and Anne. Clearly, then, out of the eight persons named, only Margaret and Anne *could* be the grandchildren of "old" Thomas, and the other six, Ellen, William, Robert, Dorothy, Elizabeth and Egerton must belong elsewhere. "Old" Thomas *may* have had daughters, though his will mentions none; but clearly the men, William, Robert and Egerton, were not his sons.

I therefore surmise that these sons, as well as three if not five of the daughters, are to be given to Humphrey.

At all events as the Christian name Egerton is so unusual, I will give the notes I have collected about an Egerton Whitmore.

Col. Chester found, from the Binding books of the Clothworkers' company at London, that, 5 Aug. 1631, William, son of Egerton Whitmore of Adtrupp, co. Northampton, carpenter, was apprenticed to William Cole. Also, he found that, Oct. 19, 1631, Egerton Whitmore, of Hoxton fields, was buried at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, London. Evidently the father came up to London to apprentice his son William, and died there two months later. This Adtrupp, as I learned from the Life of the Rev. Thomas Shepard of Cambridge, Mass., was then so called, and was near Fosscut. It is now called Abthorpe, and is in the south-western part of Northamptonshire. The registers there reach back to 1583, and the following entries occur therein:

1628, Egerton Whitmore and Margaret Corkbold married Jan. 24th.
1658, Widdow Witmore dyed Sept. 19th.
1624, John Corkbold, minister, was buried June 18th.

As apprentices were usually bound at the age of 14 years, Egerton's son William was doubtless born in 1617. We may therefore assume that Margaret Corkbold was a second wife, and very probably she was the widow of John Corkbold.

1639–40. Feb. 18. EGERTON WHITMORE, of Stepney, co. Middlesex, carpenter, a bachelor aged about 29, and Catherine

Ridges of same parish, widow, aged about 45, had license to marry at St. Faith's. Evidently a son of the first Egerton.

It is possible that to this family also belongs the FRANCIS WHITMORE of St. Dunstan's in the west, London, yeoman, bachelor, aged 35, who had license Jan. 6th, 1639–40 (some six weeks before Egerton, jr.), to marry Grace Kidd, of St. Clement's Danes, London, widow, aged about 33 years, at St. Mary Magdalen, Old Fish St., but who was not married there.

Also we may add that at St. Leonard's Shoreditch, where Egerton Sen. was buried, there had been buried six years before, viz., Sept. 8, 1625, *Humphrey Whitmore,* of Halliwell St. He was very probably the Humphrey W. made free 20 Apr. 1599, by John Thomas, haberdasher, who had a daughter bapt. 15 March, 1607, at St. Lawrence Jewry, and who probably m. Sarah Barker 1 April, 1605, at St. Olave's, Silver St.

There was also ROBERT WHITMORE, of Stepney, planter in Virginia, aged 30, who was married 28 April, 1634, at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, to Elizabeth Ayres, dau. of Christian Ayres *alias* Greene of that parish.

From all these facts, we can make up a conjectural pedigree as follows:—

1. HUMPHREY, brother of "old" Thomas, had:
    - i. Humphrey, haberdasher, of London.
    - ii. Egerton, of Abthorpe.
    - iii. Robert.
    - iv. William.

2. EGERTON, of Abthorpe, had
    - i. Robert, of Stepney, b. 1604.
    - ii. *Francis,* of London, b. 1605.
    - iii. Egerton, of Stepney, b. 1610.
    - iv. William, certainly, b. 1617.

Here is a Francis of London, but evidently not the Laxton man, nor the emigrant, nor the father of the emigrant. I have already, in Tract No. 2, shown that there was also a Francis Whitmore of St. Margaret's, Westminster, 1643–1664, not to be confounded with the others, and not the emigrant.

Col. Chester has searched for me the records of 116 parish churches in London, being all which have records of the dates 1620–1630. He has found no new facts, and we must presume the Laxton Francis married and resided mainly out of London, unless, indeed, he lived in a parish whose records were destroyed in the Great Fire, or otherwise.

I will now proceed to give the papers in the suit between Francis Whitmore, of Laxton and London, and his uncle, Rev. Peter Whitmore, of Madeley.

4th February, 1605. CHANCERY BILLS & ANSWERS.
James I.—W. 22—No. 17.

1605–6. To the Right Honorable the Lord Ellesmerre,
Lord Chauncellor of England.

In most humble wise complayning, Sheweth unto your Honor your poor and dayly Orator, *Frauncis Whitmore*, Gentleman, That whereas *Thomas Whitmore*, Gentleman, deceased, Graundfather to your Orator, was in his lifetyme lawfullie seized in his demeasne as of fee, of and in dyvers messuages lands and tenements in the County of Stafford to the value of fowrescore pounds by yeare or thereabouts, he the said *Thomas* Whitmore having issue three sonnes, *William* his eldest sonne, *Frauncis*, father to your Orator his second sonne, and *Peter* his third and youngest sonne. And the said *Thomas* Whitmore being of the premisses so seissed as aforesaid, and being in want and having occasion to use money, did for the consideration of a certayne somme of lawful English money, mor'gage diverse p'cells of his said Lands to divers persons and their heires, with Clause of redemption to the said *Thomas* Whitmore his heires and assignes, by the payment of a certain somme of money at a day certeyne. Att which daie noe payment thereof was made or tendred, soe that in extremetie of Lawe the said Lands were to the Morgagees and their heires. But the said *Frauncis* Whitmore, your Oratoʳˢ father, being a learned Minister and Preacher, and being of good estate, and havinge a desire to relieve his fathers wants and to yeald maintenaunce to his brothers and sisters, Did foorth of his estate and liveinge and partly by the helpe of his brother, *William* Whitmore,

at the request of the said *Thomas* Whitmore his father, agree with the Morgagees of his said Father's Lands, for the consideration of a great somme of money paid to them, that they the said Morgagees should for the said consideration reassure the said Lands so formerly morgaged and forfeyted by the said *Thomas* Whitmore to the said *William* Whitmore and to the heires males of his bodie: and for want of such issue to the said *Fraunci*s Whitmore, your Orato^rs^ said father, and to the heires or heires males of his bodie; or for some other estate of inheritance. And the said *Thomas* Whitmore did agree to make, and did for the consideration of a great somme of money payd to him by the said *William* Whitmore make, execute and convey, by good and lawfull conveyances in the lawe, the residew of his messuages, Lands and tenements to the said *William* Whitmore, and to the heires males of his bodie; with the remaynder to the said *Fraunci*s, your Orator's said father, and to the heires or heire male of his bodie, or for some other estate of inheritance; reserving an estate thereunto himself for his owne life. And for that the said *William* Whitmore should suffer his said father to occupy and enjoy the said Landes soe redeemed as aforesaid, Tenaunt at Will during life; the said *Fraunci*s your Orator's said Father was contented that where the Parsonage of Kerkbie in the Countye of Yorke, whereof he was then Incumbent and was worth One hundred and twentie pounds by year, that he the said *William* Whitmore, his brother, should be Fermor thereof, paying Twentie pounds by yeare, of wch Twentie poundes the said *William* Whitmore did not paie any part thereof. Besydes that the said *Fraunci*s Whitmore did give unto the said *Thomas* Whitmore, greate sommes of money, to stocke his grounde, and did maintaine his younger brother *Peter* Whitmore at the Universitie, and when he came from the University, at his house, and the said *Peter* maryinge a wife without the consent of his brother and parents, who ought to have been privie thereunto, and especiallie his brother *Fraunci*s haveinge beene at so much chardges as he was, for his maintenance. Yet, notwithstandinge, he the said *Fraunci*s Whitmore out of his brotherlie love to the said *Peter*, still continued his kindnes to him, the said Peter, and did from tyme to tyme relieve and maintane the said *Peter* Whitmore, his wife and childrenn, and procured him to be a Minister, and provided him of a Benefice worth Fyftie pounds by yeare: the said *Peter* being a prodigall fellow, and spent so much that his Benefice would not maintane his wife and children, and the said *Fraunci*s Whitmore notwithstanding his former chardges, and the smallnes of his Living, considering what

did goe foorth to his brother *William* Whitmore, the debtts that he did growe into by the relievinge of his father, and the former maintenance of his Brother *Peter*, yet did still continue the maintenance of his said brother *Peter*, his wife and children, either in his own howse, or with sendinge provisions to the howse of the said *Peter*; all w^{h} chardges grewe so great, that the said *Fraunci*s Whitmore, father to your Hono^{rs} Orato^{r} had litle to his children, beinge very younge, and not long after the said *Fraunci*s Whitmore dyed; by means whereof all the said Parsonage of Kerkbie, w^{c}h the said *William* Whitmore held as Fermor to him, the said *Fraunci*s, and all other the livinge of the said *Fraunci*s Whitmore, became voyd; and by reason of his former charges, litle left to preserve his childrenn. The said *Fraunci*s Whitmore being the boulder to dispose his livinge to the maintenance of his father brothers and sisters, in hope that his fathers lands might in tyme descend to his sonne, his elder brother havinge a wife of such yeares that there was no possibilitie of issue. And not longe after, the said *William* Whitmore, elder brother to the said *Fraunci*s, dyed without issue of his bodie; by and after whose death, the said messuages, lands and premisses, did remaine, and come as of right the same ought to come, to your Orato^{r} in fee simple or fee tayle generall, or speciall as sonne and next heire of *Fraunci*s Whitmore, by force of the limitation and conveyance aforesaid. But so it is, If it may please your good Lordship, that the said *Peter* Whitmore after the decease of his said two brothers, nothinge regardinge nor respecting the kindred nor bountie of his late brother *Fraunci*s Whitmore, bestowed uppon him, his father and brother, *William* Whitmore, but uppon a covetous and ungratefull minde when his brothers *Fraunci*s Whitmore and *William* Whitmore were dead, did under the colour of friendshipp and love to your Hono^{rs} Orator, who was sonne and heire of *Fraunci*s Whitmore, brother and heire to *William* Whitmore, send a man to the Bishopprick of Durham where the said *William* Whitmore dyed, and where the conveyances, writings, and evidences, concerning the said messuages, lands & tenements in the said County of Stafford, of right belonging to yor Orato^{r} and which prove yor Orato^{rs} title in & to the premises remayned, requiring to have them delivered to the use of the said *Fraunci*s Whitmore, yor Hono^{rs} Orato^{r} which were delivered accordinglie. The said *Peter* Whitmore, consultinge and conspiring with *Alice* his wife, how they might attain and gett the said Lands of the said *Thomas* Whitmore to them and their heires, and knowinge well that so long as the said writings, evidences and conveyances, which were in the custody of the

said *William* Whitmore were to be shewed, it would appear that the said *Thomas* Whitmore had noe such estate whereby hee would make anie estate of inheritance unto the said *Peter* Whitmore and his heirs, or anie other estate but during his life only. And thereupon the said *Peter* and his wife did agree to break open the chest of the said Man which brought the said writings, evidences, & conveyances from Durham aforesaid; and did break open the same chest and possessed themselves of all the said writings, conveyances. and evidences, well knowing the same of right belong to your said Orator, and did prove your Orators title to the premises. After the said *Peter* in the minoritie of your Orato^{r}, did practise how he might inveigle *the ould man*, his father *Thomas* Whitmore, being a man of the age of *foure score yeares at least*, and by reason of ould age easily seduced, and the said *Peter* did by untrue and false reports of the said *Frauncis* Whitmore being dead, from whom his father, *brothers* and *sisters*, had received so many benefitts and the estate of your said Orato^{rs} father was thereby so much impoverished, that it was not able neyther in his lifetyme nor at after his death, to leave wherewith to p̃serve his childrenn; and in the end the said *Peter* prevailed so much with the old man, his father, as he the said *Peter* got a conveyance from his said father, of all his messuages, lands, and tenements, within the Realm of England to him and his heires, to the disinheritinge of yor Hono^{rs} Orator, and contrarie to that bond of love and dowtie that he did owe to his kinde and liberall brother *Frauncis* Whitmore, your Orat^{rs} deceased father. And after the said *Thomas* Whitmore about *six moneths last past*, dyed. And the said *Peter* Whitmore, by collo^{r} of the said conveyance made by the said *Thomas* Whitmore, the father, entered into all the said messuages and lands, and taketh the issues and profitts thereof to his owne proper use and hath in his custodie all the evidences. writings, escripts and myniments touching and concerning the premisses. And although your Hono^{rs} Orato^{r} *Frauncis* Whitmore be the next heire to the said *Thomas* Whitmore. that is to say Sonne and heire of *Frauncis* Whitmore, brother & heir of *Willm* Whitmore, sonne and heire of the said *Thomas* Whitmore, and be also next in remainder according to the forme of the guyft in tayle, before mentioned. And Although your Orato^{r} hath divers and sundrie tymes, in gentle and friendlie manner, requested the said *Peter* Whitmore to suffer him your hono^{rs} Orato^{r} quietly to occupie and enjoy the said Messuages, Lands and Tenements, to him lawfullie descended, remayned, or comeñ from *Thomas* Whitmore his graundfather, and *William* Whitmore his uncle, whose heire he is, and to per-

mitt your Orator to take the issues and profitts thereof, according to his right and title therein, and to deliver unto your Orato^{r} all the said Evidences, writtings, escripts, and myniments, which concern the same, which to do the said Peter Whitmore refuseth and denyeth, the contrarie to all right, equitie, and good conscience. May it therefore please your good Lordshipp that forasmuch as your Honors Orator is altogether remedieless in the premises, by the strict course of the Common Law of this Realme, and yet in all equitie and good conscience ought to be relieved therein, to graunt unto yor Orato^{r} his Majesties most gracious Writt of Subpena, to be directed to the said *Peter* Whitmore and *Alice* his wiffe, commaunding them and eyther of them thereby att a certayne day and under a certeyne payne, therein to bee lymitted, personallie to appear before your good Lordshipp in the High Courte of Chauncerie, then and there to answere the premises, and to abyde such further order therein as to your good Lordshipp shall seem fitt.

And your poore Orator as his bounden dowtie bindeth him, will daylie pray for your Lordshipp in health and happiness longe to continewe.

PH. GERARD.

The Jointe and Sev'all Answeres of PETER WHITMORE, Clarke, and ALICE his wyffe, Defend^{ts} to the Byll of Compl^{t} of FRAUNCIS WHITMORE, Complaynante.

The said Defend^{tes} (saveinge to them now and att all tymes hereafter the benefitte of exception to the unc'taynetye and insufficiencie of the said Bill of compl^{t}) Saie, and either of theym sayth, in manner and forme followinge. And firstlie the said *Peter* Whitmore for himself sayth, that the said *Thomas* Whitmore named in the sayd Byll (father of this defend^{t}) was in his lyffe tyme lawfullye seized in his demesne as of fee, or fee tayle, of and in dyvers messuages, Lands, tenem^{ts} and heredytam^{ts}, in the county of Stafford, at the yeerely valewe of forty markes or thereabouts (as this defend^{t} taketh yt) being the Lands tenem^{ts} and heradyam^{ts} ment by the s^{d} Byll as this defend^{t} thinketh; and had yssew the said *Willm* Whitmore also named in the said Byll his eldest sonne, and the said ***Frauncis*** Whitmore (named also in the

said Byll), father of the compl^{t} his second sonne, and this defend^{t} his theird and youngest sonne. And he houldeth the saide comp^{lt} to bee heire to the said *Thomas* att the Comon Lawe, vid'l't, sonne and heire to the said *Frauncis* his father, who was brother to the said *Will*^{m} who was eldest sonne of the said *Thomas*, as aforesaid. And this defend^{t} also sayth, that yt is true that the said *Will*^{m} dyed wth out yssewe, and that the said *Frauncis*, the father afterwards also dyed. But this defend^{t} further sayth that the said *Thomas* Whitmore, soe beinge seized as aforesaid, he, the said *Thomas* Whitmore, in or aboute the one and fortyth yeere of the reigne of our late Sovereigne Ladye Queene Elizabeth, for the natural love and affection wch hee dyd beare to this defend^{t} and to *Thomas* Whitmore and *Emanuell* Whitmore, Sonnes of this defend^{t}, being then and att this p'sent both Infants, and for other good considerations him moveinge, did, as well by fyne in dewe forme of Lawe Levyed, as by other good and sufficient assurance and conveyance in the Lawe, sufficientlie assure and convey all the said Lands, Tenem^{ts}, and hereydtam^{ts} to this defend^{t} and his heirs for ever, to the uses hereafter expressed: that ys to saie, To the use of him the said *Thomas* Whitmore, the father, for the terme of his natural lyffe wthout impeachment of waste, and after his disceaze to the use of him, this defend^{t}, for the terme of his naturall lyffe without impeachm^{t} of waste, and after his disceaze To the use of the said *Thomas* Whitmore the sonne, and of the heires males of his body begotten, and for default of such heires, To the use of the said *Emanuell* Whitmore, and of the heires males of his bodye begotten, and for default of such heires To the use of the heires males of the bodye of this defend^{t}, and for default of such heires to the use of the heires males of the bodye of the said *Thomas* the father, and for defaulte of suche heires to the use of the right heires of the said *Thomas*, the father, for ever. And moreover the said *Thomas*, the father, by the said Fyne or other conveyance, did for him and his heires warrante the said premises to this defend^{t} and his heires against all men, as by the said fyne and conveyance may more playnely appear; by force whereof and of the Statute made for transferring of uses into possession, the said *Thomas* Whitmore the father was of the said p'misses seized in his demesne as of freeholde, for the terme of his naturall lyffe, wth remainder over as aforesaid accordingly. And the said *Thomas* Whitmore, the father, being soe seized, hee the sayd *Thomas* Whitmore afterw^{ds}, that ys to saye aboute the tyme mentyoned in the sayd Bill, dyed soe seized, by and after whose death this defend^{t}

(claymeing his said remainder) entered into the said p'mises, and was and yett ys thereof seized in his demeasne as of freehold, for the terme of his natural lyffe wth remainders over as aforesaid accordinglie; and taketh the p'fitts thereof as lawfull ys for him to doe. And thinketh the said compl^t hath noe reasone to impeach this defend^ts estate, considering that the said Warranttye (as this defend^t ys informed) woulde barre the said compl^t (yf his p'tended tytle weere true), hee, the said compl^t being heire to the said *Thomas* att the comon Lawe. And all such deeds and evidences, w'ch hee this defend^t hath conc'neinge the said pr'misses, he justifyeth the detayneing thereof in p'servācon of the estates of him and his said sonnes. And this defend^t *Alice* Whitmore thinketh the tytle of her said husbands and her said sonnes to bee just and true as this defen^ts said husband hath before set forth, without that, that the said Messuage Landes and tenements are of such yeerely valewe mentyoned in the said byll, or that the said *Thomas* Whitmore the father dyd mortgage anie pte of the pmisses as ys supposed by the said byll, to the knowledge of these defend^ts or of either of them, or that the said Frauncis father of the said compl^t dyd agree or compound with anie such Mortgagee as by the said Byll is supposed, or that the said *Thomas* Whitmore, the father, dyd make or dyd agree to make, anie suche conveyance whereby the compl^t claymeth, as by the said Byll is supposed, or that the said *Frauncis* the said compl^ts father, was contented or dyd agrye that the said *Will*^m Whitmore should have the P'sonage of Kirkeby as by the said Byll ys supposed, or that the said P'sonage was of anie such yeerely valewe as the said compl^t setteth forth, or that the said *Frauncis*, the father, did give unto the said *Thomas*, the father, anye such sume of money as the pl^t supposeth, or dyd mayntayne or releeve him this defend^t or his wyffe or children or anie other as the plt supposeth, or that this defend^t dyd marry with^t the consent of the said *William* and his said father, as by the Byll is supposed, or that the said *Frauncis*, the father, p'cured him, this defend^t *Peter* Whitmore, to bee a Minister, or p'vyded him a benefice of such worth as by the said bill ys supposed, or that hee this defend^t was anie suche p'dygall fellow as the said compl^t untruelie surmyseth, or that the said messuages Landes and tenements or anie p'te thereof dyd remayne, or come, or ought to remayne or come, to the sayd compl^t as hee supposeth, or that hee this defend^t sent anie man to the Bishoppricke of Durham or to any other place, to anie such end or purpose untruely supposed by the sayd byll, or that hee this defend^t required to have anie evidence delyv'ered to the use of the

said compl^t^ as by the said Byll ys supposed, or that any were soe delyvered as by the said byll is supposed. But this defend^t^ *Peeter* Whitmore sayth that his said father beinge by the advice of some of his good freinds advised to convey the said p'misses to this defend^t^ as hereby is sett forthe. And this defend^t^ being lett to understand that some Lease had byne made of some pte thereof to the said *Willm*, this defend^ts^ brother, being then disceazed, and being desyrous to bee resolved of the certaynete thereof, dyd send to the wyffe of the said *William* dwelling within the said Bishoprick, desyringe her to send him such writinges as shee had concerninge the p'misses; who att his requeste sent unto him (amongste other writings of small importance) one writinge purportinge a demise of the p'misses from the said *Thomas* the father to the said *Willm* for a terme already ended and one other writinge, wrytten wth the handwritinge of the said *Wylliam*, purportinge some showe of lymittacon of some estate of inheritance of the p'misses or some p'te thereof, to him the said *Willm* wth some further showe of lymittacon of some estate of inherytance of the p'misses or some p'te thereof. to the said *Francis*, the father, wch last mentyoned wrytings this defend^t^ dyd shew to his said father of purpose not to have pceeded wth his father in anie such conveyance to him made as aforesaid, yf the same might have byne anie impedyment thereunto: but this defend^ts^ said farther, upon sight and consideracon thereof, dyd earnestlie vow and p'teste that neither the same deede nor anie other deede lymitting anie estate of inherytance to the said *Fraunci*s the father, was by him the said Thomas, the father, ever sealed delyvered, or otherwise executed, and therefore was very forwarde and willing to execute the conveyance as aforesaid to him, this defend^t^ and his said sonnes, and thereupon he this defend^t^ understanding his said fathers vows and protestacons, and hearing also his said brother *Willm* had denyed the havinge of anie such assurance, and not p'ceyvinge nor understanding that anie execution was ever made of the said writings or of any other conveyance. to the said *Fraunci*s, the father, hee this defend^t^ did accept of the said conveyance made to him and his said sonnes as aforesaid, (as he thinketh was lawfull for him to doe). And hee the rather thinketh his said fathers vowes and p'testations to bee true, for that his said father by his last Wyll and testament in writinge hath (as much as in him lay) ratyfied and confirmed his said conveyance to him this defend^t^ and his said sonnes, w^th^out that these defend^ts^ or either of them dyd consulte or conspire, as by the said byll is supposed, or that these defend^ts^ or either of them dyd agree to

break open, or dyd break open, any cheste as by the said Byll is untruely supposed, or that these def^{ts} or either of theym, dyd possess themselves wth any writings conveyances or evidences other than as aforesaid, and other then such as hee this defend^{t} found in the said messuage or tenement wherein his said father dyed, or that these defend^{ts} or either of theym have anie evidence att all p'vinge anie tytle to or for the said compl^{t} other then as aforesaid, or that hee this defend^{t} dyd practize to inveigle the said *Thomas*, the father, as is supposed by the said byll, or that hee this defend^{t} dyd make anie untrue or false reporte of the said *Frauncis*, the father, as ys supposed by the byll, or that hee this défend^{t} gott anie conveyance from his saide Father other then as aforesaid, or that the said compl^{t} ys or ought to bee next in remaynder to anie of the pmisses according to anie guifte thereof supposed to bee made as ys supposed by the said Byll, to the knowledge of these defend^{ts} or of either of theym. And without that, that any other matter or thinge in thesaid byll of compl^{t} concn̄eing these defend^{ts} or either of theym materyall or effectuall in the Lawe to bee answeared unto, and not herein sufficientlie and effectually confessed and avoyded, denyed or trav'sed, ys true, all wch matters and everye of theym these defend^{ts} and either of theym are ready to averre and p've, as this Honourable Courte shall awarde, and pray to be dismissed wth theire and either of theire reasonable costs, charges, and expences, in this behalf wrongfully sustayned.

CHETWIND.

p̃noiat Petrus Whitmore & Alicia ux. ejus jurat. fuēr. primo die May Anno Dñi 1606. coram nobis

THOS. SYDWAYE
JOHN WESTUN
Wm IREMONGER.

The Replicacon of FRAUNC' WHITMORE Gent^{n} Repl^{t} to the joint and sev'all Answers of PETER WHITMORE, Clarke, and ALICE his wiff, Defendants.

The said Repliant sayeth in all and every thing and things, as formerlie in and by his said Bill of Complaint he hath sayed, and doth and will averre, maintayne, and prove, his said Bill of Complaint, and all and everye the matters and things therein conteyned, to be good, true,

certen, and sufficient in the Lawe to be aunswered unto, by the said defents or either of them, notwthstanding any excepcon, surmise or allegacon taken by the said defendts or either of them, to the contrarye. And contrariwise, that the said aunsweres are verye uncerten, untrue, and insufficient in the Lawe, to be replied unto by this Repliant, for divers imp'fections therein appearing. Neverthelesse all advantage of excepion to the uncertentyes and insufficyencyes of the said Aunsweres to him this Replient now and att all tymes hereafter saved, This Repliant, for Replicacon to the said joint and sevall Aunsweres, sayeth: That *Thomas* Whitmore in the said Bill of Complaint and aunsweres named, this Repliants Grandfather, being in his lyfftyme lawfullie seased in his demeasne as of fee, of, and in divers messuages, lands, tents, and hereditamts in the Countye of Stafford, to the value of foure score pounds by ye yeare or therabouts, and haveing then three sonnes that is to say, *William* his eldest sonne, *Frauncis* the father of this Repliant his second son, and *Peter* the now deft his third and youngest sonne, did by his deed indented under his seal, bearing date on or about the fifteenth day of August in the one and twenteth yeare of the raigne of or late gracious Sovereign Ladye Queen Elizabeth, in consideracon of the natural Love and affection wch he did beare unto the said *William*, and his said other sonnes, and for the prefermt and advancemt of the said William in marriage, give graunt and confirm unto *Peter Roos* of *Laxton* in the countye of Nott. Esquire, *Rowland Bulkeley* of *Buntingdale* in the County of Salop, *Thomas Roos* of *Laxton* aforesaid Gent, *Thomas Bulkeley* the younger of *Ore*, in the said Countye of Salop Gent, and *John Huntbatch* of *Weston* in the said County of Stafford, Clarke: All those his Messuages, Lands, tents and hereditamts by the name and names of All that Capitall Messuage or tenet wth the apptenences called *Barrhill* and all lands, tents, meadowes, feedings, pastures, woodes, Underwoodes, & hereditamts whatsor, to the said messuage or tenemt belonging, or therewthall usuallie occupied, scituate lyeing & being wthin the p'sh or Territories of *Madeley* or elles where in the said Countye of Stafford, And of all those Landes, tenemts, feedings & pastures commonly called *Dilkens End* And of all those Lands, tenemts, woods, underwoodes, feedings and pastures wthin the Manor or P'sh of *Oneley*—in the said Countie of Stafford, And also of All those Landes, tents, commons, commodities, Toftes, Croftes, and hereditamts whatsor commonlie called *Mossefeilds* near *Alderleigh Greene* in the Psh of *Careswall* in the said Countye of Stafford, And also of All those Lands, tents, meadowes,

feedings, pastures, woods, underwoodes and hereditaments, whats^{r}, which were themselves formerlie graunted lymitted or appointed for & in consideracōn of the dower or jointure of *Johane* then wiff of the said *Thomas* Whitmore, To have and to hold all and singular such p'te of the said messuages, lands, tenements & heredit's wth th'appl'ences & ev'ry p'te and p'cell thereof, whereof estate was so formerlie lymitted graunted and appointed, to or for the dower or jointure of the said *Johane*, to the said *Peter Roos*, *Rowland Bulkeley*, *Thomas Roos*, *Thomas Bulkeley* the younger and *John Huntbatch*, and their heires To the use and behoof of the said *Thomas* Whitmore and *Johane* his said wiff, and to the longest liver of them, wthout impeachment of any manner of wast during the liff of the said *Thomas* Whitmore onelie. And after the decease of them and either of them, then to the use and behoof of the said *William* Whitmore & of t'heires males of the bodye of one *Elizabeth Hitch* the onlie doughter of *Thomas Hitch*, Gent., deceased, lawfullie begotten, or to be begotten, and for default of such issue then to the use and behoof of the said *William* Whitmore and th'heires males of his bodye lawfullye begotten or to be begotten. And for default of such issue then to the use and behoof of *Frauncis* Whitmore, second sonne of the said *Thomas* Whitmore, and of th'heires males of his bodye lawfullye begotten or to be begotten. And for default of such issue then to the use and behoof of *Peter* Whitmore, third sonne of the said *Thomas* Whitmore, and now the def^{t}, & of the heires males of his bodye lawfullie begotten o^{r} to be begotten, and for default of such yssue then to the use of the said *Thomas* Whitmore and of t'heires males of his bodye lawfullie begotten or to be begotten. And for default of such issue, then to the use and behoof of the right heires of the said *Thomas* Whitmore for ever. And to have and to hould all and singular the residewe of the said Lands, tenem^{ts} & heredita^{ts} wth the app'tenances unto the said *Peter Roos*, *Rowland Bulkeley*, *Thomas Roos*, *Thomas Bulkeley* the younger, and *John Huntbatch*, and their heires: To the use and behoofe of the said *Thomas* Whitmore for and during the term of his naturall liff, wthout impeachment of wast, and after his decease then to the use and behoof of the said *William* Whitmore and of the heires males of his bodye lawfullie begotten or to be begotten. And for default of such issue then To the use and behoof of the said *Frauncis*, this Repliants father, and of t'heires males of his bodye lawfully begotten or to be begotten, and for default of such yssue then to the use and behoof of the said *Peter* Whitmore and of the heires males of his bodie lawfullie begotten

or to be begotten, wth such other remainders thereof over, in and by the said Deed indented sufficientlie executed by liverye and seesen, more at large it doth and may appeare. And this Replient further sayeth that by force and vertue of the said Deed indented before recyted, & of the execution thereof by liverye and seizin made unto the said Feoffees to the sevāll uses before specified, and also by force of the Statute made the fourth day of February in the xxvijth yeare of the raigne of or late Sovēign Lord of famous memory King Henry the eight, for the transferringe of uses into possession, the said *Thomas* Whitmore and *Johane* his wife entred into and upon all such parte of the said messuages Lands tenets and hereditamts whereof estate was soe formerlie made and graunted, to or for the dower or jointure of the said *Johane*, and werre thereof seased in theire demeasne as of freehould, for the terme of their natural lives and of the naturall liff of the survivor of them, wth such remainders thereof over [as] aforesaid. And the said *Thomas* Whitmore by force and vertue thereof also entered into and uppon all the residew of the said messuages, landes, tents and hereditamts, and was thereof likewise seized in his demeasne as of freehold, for the terme of his naturall liff wth other remainders thereof over after his decease, as aforesaid. And afterwards the said *Thomas* Whitmore and *William* his sonne, did by their Indenture sufficient in the Lawe, bearing date the xvijth day of March, in the xxijth yeare of the Raigne of the late Queene Elizabeth, made between them on th'one p'te and *Thomas Roos*, gent. and others on the other p'te, convey and assure the sd premises wth the appurtenances to the said *Thomas Roos* and the others, and their heires, p'te thereof for the jointure of *Elizabeth Hitch* wife of the said *William* Whitmore; The remainder thereof and the residew of the said Landes to such uses as before in the last mencōned deed are expressed and declared. And this Repliant further saieth that the said *Thomas* Whitmore did at all times after, soe longe as the said *Frauncis* Whitmore, this Repliants father, lived, and likewise afterwardes soe long as the said *William* his sonne lived, never reckon or accompt himself to be seised of any other estate in the p'misses then onlie as tennt for terme for his liff; for that in all & ev'ry such estate or estates, lease or leases as the said *Thomas* Whitmore did afterwards make of the said premisses or of any p'te thereof, the said *Thomas* did not graunt any farther terme or termes therein then such as were determinable by the death of him the said *Thomas* Whitmore. And this Repliant sayeth that the said *Frauncis* Whitmore, this Repliants father, haveing issue unto his bodie lawfullie begotten *Francis* Whitmore this

Repliant, the said *Frauncis*, this Repliants father, afterwards died and dep'ted this liff, leveing his said father and twoe brethren, and afterwards the said *William* Whitmore also died, not haveing any issue of his bodye liveing at the time of his decease nor borne after his decease. By reason whereof this Repliant was then next in remainder after the death of the said *Thomas* Whitmore; and after the said *Thomas* likewise died, by and after whose decease the said messuages lands and premises did remaine and come unto this Repliant, according to the forme of the gift aforesaid; without that, that it is true that the said *Thomas* Whitmore on or about the one & forteth yeare of the Reigne of o^r^ late gratious Soveigne Lady Queene Elizabeth did or could by fine or by any o^r^ assurance or conveyance in the Lawe assure or convey the s^d^ Landes tenem^ts^ and hereditam^ts^ to the said def^t^ and his heires for ever to th'use of the said *Thomas* Whitmore for liff, wth remainder after the death of the said *Thomas* Whitmore to th'use of the def^t^, for term of his liff, wth such other remainders thereof over after the death of the said def^t^, As by the said Aunswers is pretended, or that it is true that the said *Thomas* Whitmore by force or vertue of any such conveyance as in the said Aunswer is meneoned and of ye Statute made for ye transferringe of uses into possession, was seased in his demeasne as of freehould for ye terme of his naturall liff wth such remainders over as are specified in the same conveyance, or did die seized of the premisses or of any p'te thereof by vertue of any such Conveyance, and of the said Statute for transferringe of uses into possession, as in & by the said answere is also sett forth. And wth out that also, that it is true that the said *Thomas* Whitmore did make any such Conveyance of the premisses as in the said aunswere is rehearsed, by the advice of his good friends as in and by the said aunswere is also suggested, for this Repliant sayeth that the same Conveyance if any such weere made, was made by the practise and p'curem^t^ of the said *Peter* Whitmore the def^t^ after such tyme as the said *Frauncis* & *William* were both dead, upon hope that the said *Peter* might have suppressed the said former deeds of intayle, in case that this Repliant, who was left young and destitute of frēnds, should not have had any knowledge thereof. And w^th^out that, that the said Complanant is or ought to be barred by reason of the warrantye in the said aunswere mencōned, as in the said aunswere is p'mised. For this Repliant sayeth that he was wth in age at the decease of his said grandfather and hath si'thence entered into the said premises during his nonage, and at the tyme of his full age. And wth out that that any other matter o^r^ thing materiall or effectuall in the Lawe to be replied unto, and by the Repli-

ant not replied unto, hereby confessed and avoided, trav'sd o^r denied are true. All wch matters or things this Repliant is reddy to averre and prove to this Honorable Court as the said honorable Court shall judge or award.

PH. GERARD.

CHAN^y ORDERS & DECREES.
A. 1607. Vol. 113.
p. 814 d.

Frances Whitmore plt. Peter Whitmore and Alice his wyff defts.

Upon mōcon this present deie made unto The Right Honorable the M^r of the Rolls by Mr Brooke being of the Plts Counsel. It is Ordered by his Lordship that the Reporte made by John Tindall one of the M^{rs} of this Court upon the Agreement wth the consent and well liking of the said parties shall be ratified and confirmed by the decree and authoritie of this Courte to be performed by both the said partyes to all intents and purposes according to the tennor and true meaning hereof.

CHANCERY BILLS & ANSWERS.
James I.—W. 14—No. 50.

1621. Nov. 19th, Pennyman.

To the Right Ho^{ble} and Reverend father
in God John Bishop of Lincoln, Lord
Keep of the Greate Seale of England.

In most humble manner compleaning Sheweth unto your Honor Francis Whitmore of London, Gent. That whereas Thomas Whitmore, late of Barrhill in the Parish of Madeley, within the County of Stafford, Gent. deceased, late Grandfather to your said Orato^r, was in his liefe tyme seased in his demesne as of fee (amongst other things) of and in a certain pasture or pcell of Land called *the Hobfeild* and of and in one messuage and divers Lands thereunto belonging, being now of the yerely value of ten pounds, lying and being in Madeley aforesaid. And so being thereof seised, did by good and sufficient Conveyance in the Law convey and assure the same Hobfeild and p'misses amongst other

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things to the use of himself for term of his lief without impeachm^{t} of wast and after his decease to the use of Johane his wife for and during the terme of her natural lief, with remainder thereof after the death of the said Thomas and Johane To the use and behoof of Willm Whitmore Sonne and heire apparent of the said Thomas Whitmore and of the heires males of the body of the said Willm Whitmore lawfully begotten, and for want of such issue to the heires males of the body of the said Thomas Whitmore upon the bodye of the said Johane Whitmore begotten, and for default of such issue To the right heires of the said Thomas Whitmore for ever. By force whereof the said Thomas Whitmore was of the said p'misses seised in his demesne as of freeholde for and during the terme of his natural life, the remainder of the p'misses being as aforesaid. And after the said Willm Whitmore dyed without any issue of his body and after the said Thomas Whitmore likewise dyed and the said Johane him survived and entered into the said premisses and was thereof seised in her demeasne as of Freehold for and during the term of her natural life, and the rents issues and profitts thereof did p'ceive and receive during her lief, and afterward, that is to saye in and about the eleventh yere of the raigne of our Sov'aigne Lord the Kings Matie that now ys, she the said Johane lykewise dyed, after whose decease the said p'misses remayned and came as of right the same ought to remayne and come unto your Orato^{r} as sonne and heire male of the body of Francis Whitmore sonne and heire male of the body of the said Thomas Whitmore, and your said Orato^{r} according to his lawful right entered into the said p'misses and was thereof seized in his demeasne as of fee tayle according to the force of the guift aforesaide and the rents issues and profitts thereof did receive and take as lawful was for him to doe. But so yt ys, may it please your Honor, that one *Sir John Offeley of Madeley* in the said Countie of Stafford, Knight, having by casuall meanes gotten into his hands and possession the Conveyances aforementioned and dyvers other evidences of your said Orato^{r} belonging and manifesting your said Orato^{rs} right and title in and to the said p'emisses, hath by colour thereof entered into the said p'cell of Land called the Hobfield and taken th' issues and profitts thereof to his own use. And by p'tence of the said deeds charters writings and muniments the said *Sir John Offeley* challengeth the said Hobfield and all other the premisses as his own Inheritance. And, although your said Orator hath dyvers and sundry tymes in gentle manner required the said Sir John Offeley to deliver the said possession of the said p'misses unto him and to suffer

him to enjoy the same and also to del'ver to your said Orato^{r} the said Deeds charters writings and muniments aforemencōned, yett the same to doe the said *Sir John Offeley* hath ever hitherto denyed and refused, and still doth deny and refuse, to the disinheritance of your said Orato^{r} and contrarye to all right equitie and good conscience. In tender consideracōn whereof and for so much as your said Orato^{r} knoweth not the certaine nomber or dates of the said deeds charters writings and munim^{ts}, nor whether the same are in bagg or box, sealed or in a chest, locked or otherwise, And therefore is remedilesse at and by the strickt course of the Comon Lawes of this Realm either for recovery of the said evidences and writings or the possession of the premisses so unjustly deteyned from him. May it therefore please your Honour, the premisses considered, to graunt unto your said Orato^{r} the kings Majesties most gracious Writt of Subpena to be directed unto the said *Sir John Offeley*, Commanding him by vertue of the same at a certaine day and under a certaine payne therein to be lymitted, to be and p'sonally to appear before your Honour in his Maties high Court of Chauncery, then and their to answer the p'misses, and to abide such fur^{r} Order therein as to your Honour shall seem to stand with equitie and good conscience.

And your said Orato^{r} shall dayly pray for your good Lordshipp in health and prosperity with much increase of Honour long to contynue.

PH. GERARD.

NOTE.—We here find Francis Whitmore in suit with Sir John Offley. ERDESWICK, writing about 1590–1600, says that Madeley was a goodly manor, forfeited by the attainder of Edward Stafford, Duke of Buckingham, and given by the king to the Lord Bray. "Madeley was afterwards sold to Sir Thomas Offley, a merchant, and some time Mayor of London, father of Henry Offley, now owner thereof." The peerages say that the Offleys had been of Madeley as early as A.D. 1237. Sir John Offley, Kn't, was sheriff of the county in 1617, as was John O. in 1662. John Offley, Esq., married Anne, dau. of John Crewe, of Crewe, co. Chester, and their son John (Offley) in 1708 assumed the name of Crewe. His grandson, John Crewe, was made Baron Crewe in 1806, but there had been an earlier title of Lord Crewe of Stone, extinct in 1722, in another branch of the Crewes.

The present Lord Crewe is the third of this creation, and still possesses a large estate in Madeley, besides his property in Cheshire. His sister is the wife of Richard Monckton Milnes, Lord Houghton.

FRANCIS WHITMORE OF LAXTON, AND THE FARRARS.

In the London "Herald and Genealogist," vi. 385–407, there was an extended genealogy of the Fairfax family, and it was reprinted with corrections in vol. vii. 145–160. I printed in vol. vii. 161–3, some notes, the substance of which is as follows: I showed that one of the granddaughters of Francis Roos was Jane,* dau. of Bryan Stapleton, of Burton-Joyce, and that she married Sir William Fairfax of Gilling; these were the parents of Sir Thomas, created Viscount Fairfax of Elmley in the peerage of Ireland. This title became extinct in 1771; it is not to be confounded with that of Baron Fairfax of Cameron, in the peerage of Scotland, which is now held by a Virginian.

Sir William Fairfax, as above stated, married Jane Stapleton; his brother, Cuthbert F., married Mary Whitmore of Nottinghamshire. It is most probable, therefore, that she was also a granddaughter of Francis Roos, cousin to Sir William's wife, and daughter of "old" Thomas Whitmore of Madeley. We say this because the Whitmores of Caunton, co. Notts, had all died out; and as Roos was distinctively a Nottinghamshire man, his son-in-law Whitmore might well be considered to be of that county. In fact, he was very probably living there when his daughter married, as two of his sons were clergymen in that

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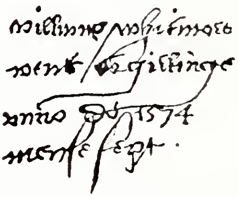
* Jane Roos, after Brian's death, m. his first cousin, Anthony Stapleton of Rempston, and thirdly, Thomas Lake of Hasland, co. Derby, and died probably in 1595. (Thoroton, p. 286.) Sir William Fairfax and his brother Cuthbert were sons of Sir Nicholas F. of Walton and Gilling, co. York. Their stepmother was Alice (Harrington), widow of Sir Henry Sutton of Aram, co. Notts, and Sutton was cousin to Brian Stapleton. A third of the cousins, Katherine Bassett, m. Guy Fairfax, who was not improbably a brother of Sir Nicholas, as he had brothers Miles, Guy and Robert, not accounted for by genealogists. Thoroton says indeed that one of Francis Roos's daughters m. ——— Fairfax of Gilling, who might be either Miles or Robert.

Again, it is curious that the grandfather of Sir Nicholas Fairfax, Sir Thomas F. of Walton, inherited in 1492 Gilling Castle, as heir to Sir Ivo de Etton. The Rooses acquired Laxton by marriage with Isabel de Etton, niece of Sir Ivo.

county, though Peter is called of Staffordshire at his matriculation at Oxford.—(*Post.* iv. 15.)

Believing that there is no reasonable doubt that Mary, dau. of Thomas Whitmore, married Cuthbert Fairfax, a great interest attaches to a relic now in this country. Her brother was William Whitmore, of St. Helen's, Auckland, co. York, who died *s. p.* about 1598. Now David Pulsifer, Esq., of the Secretary of State's office in Boston, Mass., has an old bible given him by Hon. Otis P. Lord, in 1832, who picked it up in a store in Ipswich, Mass. On a page at the end is written, "S. Newman, Ipswich": on another, "Hopkinton." On the margin of one of the leaves is the following writing:



"William Whitmore went to Gillinge anno D^{i}. 1574 mense sept."

It is almost certain that this refers to some visit of William Whitmore to his sister or her husband's family. But how came that bible here? The heir of William W. was his nephew, Francis Whitmore, of Laxton or Lexington, co. Notts, as I show in subsequent pages.

Now among the early records of Essex County, Mass., are recorded the marriages of George Farrough (Farrar) and Ann Whitmore, 16 Feb., 1643–4; and of John Brewer and Mary Whitmore, 23 Oct., 1647. These two girls probably came here with relatives, and as I have shown (*ante*, p. 16) that Francis Whitmore of Laxton had a nephew George Farrar, I think it possible that this George Farrar brought the bible over to this country.

Indeed I go farther, and think that George Farrar married a cousin, and that his wife was a daughter of Francis Whitmore; but this is not yet proved, and is not to be accepted by others.

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The record is as follows. The original is in the handwriting of Robert Lord, of Ipswich, and is one of the returns made to the County Clerk. It is in the court files at Salem, book vii. leaf 48, and the paper is now illegible in some parts, as the transcript shows. A portion is as follows: *

"Francis Jordon & Jane Willson maried 6 (9) 1635.
"Sarah Jordon born 8 (9) 1636.
"Hanah Jordon born 14 March 163–.
"Mary Jordon born 7 Apr. 163–.
"Mary Jordon dyed August 16—.
"Mary Jordon born 16 May 1641.
"Lydia Jordon born 14 Feb: 1643.
"Deborah Jordon born 4 December 164–.

George Farough.†

"Georg Farough & An Whitmore maryed 16 (11) 1643.
"Mary Farough borne January 6, 164–.
"Martha Farough borne 25 Feb: 164–.
"Febye Farough borne May 165–.

"Thomas Stace & Susanna Wooster m. 4 (8) 1653.
(Children recorded, &c.)

"Thomas Harris & Martha Lake maried the 15 of November 1647.
Thomas 8 August 48.
Martha 8 Jan'y 50.
John 7 Jany 52.
Elizth 8 Feb. 54.
Margrett 6 Aug 57.
Mary Last Jany 59.
William 12 Dec. 6–.

"John Brewer & Mary Whitmore maryed 23 (8) 1647.
"Mary Brewer borne the 23 of September 1648.
"John Brewer born the 6 of October 1653.
"Sara Brewer borne the 27 of March 1655."

Of JOHN BREWER I know little, but he may have been related to Thomas B., of Ipswich, 1642. It is clear that he was

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* I am indebted to Henry F. Waters, Esq., of Salem, for this copy, made for this publication. I have marked the portions copied literally.

† The original uses a "ff," but that is simply the old form of writing a capital F.

not the John of Cambridge, 1642–5, as Savage asserts, because that man had by wife Ann, John, b. 1642, who may well be the Sudbury settler, having children 1669–1689. Now this John of Ipswich (Essex Deeds, iv. 14, 38), in 1675–6 is appraiser on estates of Richard Kimball, Sen., and Capt. John Ayres, and is called John Brewer, Sen. In January, 1677, John Brewer, Jr., took oath of allegiance in Ipswich. Evidently the Essex family is distinct from theMiddlesex one.

As to the Farrars, we find among the first colonists, John Farrow of Hingham, who came from Hingham in Norfolk in 1635; John of Woburn, 1655; John and Jacob of Lancaster, 1653; Thomas of Lynn, 1640 (born 1617); and George of Ipswich, above noted. Of these names, John, Thomas and George agree with those of three of the nephews of Francis Whitmore of Laxton. (See *ante*, iv. 16.)

I have large collections about the Farrars of Halifax, co. York, made by the late H. G. Somerby, Esq., but nothing that seems to touch any of our colonists.

THOROTON indeed says that Robert Farrowe, or Pharrow, was of Laneham, co. Notts, in 1612, and also owned land in East Drayton. Francis Whitmore of Laxton, in 1646, mentions his nephew Robert Farrar, if alive and in England. Now in HOTTEN's Lists, I find that Robert Farrar, aged 24, embarked for Virginia in the Transport in 1635. In the same list is named another emigrant, one Robert Whitmore, living in 1623 in Virginia, who seems to have been one of Mr. Edward Blaney's men at James City, and who came over in the Duty soon before, aged 22 in 1624–5. This is very probably the Robert mentioned, *ante*, iv. p. 20. There was also in the passengers for St. Kitts in 1634, Alice Whitmore of Huniton, co. Devon, spinster, aged 25 years.

I will now consider the record of GEORGE FARROW.

It is needless to say that Farrow and Farrar are but different forms of the same name, and that the latter has become the usual mode of spelling. GEORGE FARROW, as already shown, was of Ipswich, where he married Ann Whitmore in 1643–4, and had three daughters (*ante*, p. 39). Savage's account is all wrong, as he mistook a word and put a son George, Jr., in place of Phebe, and so misplaced his facts.

GEORGE FARROW is credited on the Treasurer's books for killing wolves in 1648 and 1650, on several occasions. We may, perhaps, fairly conclude that he was not an old man, and that he was born about 1615–20, his wife being born in 1618, as we shall show. The volume cited is in the library of the N. E. Hist. Genealogical Society at Boston. In Ipswich Deeds, vol. i. p. 549, he is mentioned as a "weaver." In 1658, his wife Ann is mentioned in a deposition as being 40 years old.* In Essex Deeds (iii. 107), as Mr. Waters informs me, there is a deed dated Dec. 1st, 1668, of George Farrow of Ipswich and Ann his wife, exchanging his house and seventy acres of land in Ipswich, with William Symonds, of Wells, gent., for a house and lands in Wells: witnessed by Wm. Bennett and Thomas Estman.

Farrow doubtless moved to Wells (Maine) soon, where he was killed by Indians, 27 Sept., 1676, "as he was too carelessly venturing to his House without any Company," as HUBBARD narrates in his History (Drake's ed., ii. 183).

The records of York county, at Alfred, give only the following item. "At a Court of Associates houlden at Wells 12th December,

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* The deposition is as follows:—

CLERK'S OFFICE, Essex co. Court Papers, iv. 90.

The deposition of Ann farro ye wife of georg Faro aged 40 yeres or there abouts This deponent sayth she bought a pcell of grene cotton of mr. Robert Payne and sayd mr. Payne told this deponent that the price of y^t was three shillings eight pence by the yard, wch price this deponent thought was to much for such cotton y^t being as she judgeth a thin cotton and wanting of yard wide, this deponent further sayth she bought another pcell of red cotton at foure shillings eight pence ye yard as mr Payne told her was the price of yt and further this deponent sayth not.

Sworne in Court held at Ipswich | the 29th of Sept.
1658 Robert Lord cleric. |

1676 — This Court ordereth John Wells with Phoeby Farrow to take care of the widdow & estate of George Farrow deceased."

Bourne (Hist. of Wells, p. 146) says Farrow left a widow and three sisters. Savage says that it was the presumed son, George, Jr., who was killed; that he left three daughters, and that William Symonds and Joseph Storer were administrators. Both are doubtless wrong in part. There was only one George Farrow, and he had no son, but did have three daughters.

Now it appears by a deed on record at Alfred, Me. (York co. Deeds, iv. 4, 5), that 3 Nov., 1682, John Smyth, Sen., of Cape Nuttacke (now Neddock), planter, and Mary his wife, sold to William Sawyer of Wells, part "of that tract or parcell of upland and sault marsh and fresh, which fell to my wife Mary, by the death of her natural father, *George Farrow*," containing eighty acres of upland and eight acres of meadow, &c. &c. Both John and Mary make a mark, and the deed is acknowledged before Saml Wheelwright, same day, and recorded March 9, 1683–4.

From documents still on record in York county, Me., which I propose to publish elsewhere, it seems that John Smith, Sen., was of Casco under Cleeve's government, and that in 1653 his wife was Joan, sister apparently of Edward Wanton (?Wanerton, see Hist. Saco, p. 43 ?)

In 1657 he was of Cape Nuddock, or Neddock, where he had lands granted in 1658.

In 1674, John Smith, Sen., with consent of his wife Joan, deeds land to his son John, Jr., mentioning, also, land of James Jackson. In the same year James Jackson had land granted to him "lying next to his father John Smith."

As already mentioned, in 1682 John Smith, Sen., had taken a second wife, Mary, daughter of George and Mary (Whitmore) Farrow. In 1684, he confirms to his son John, land given by him "and Joane my former wife, his mother."

June 23, 1685, John Smith, Sen., makes a deposition, being aged about 73 years. March 1, 1685–6, he sells land to Samuel Banks, and Mary acknowledged same 14 June, 1686.

Finally, 3 Feb., 1687–8, John Smith of York made a settlement with "Mary Smith, wife of my late deceased father John Smith," giving her a piece of land in lieu of all claims for dower.

I am informed by Nathaniel G. Marshall, Esq., town clerk of York, that about 1713, John Smith, late of York and then of Gloucester, Mass., as executor of his father John S., had the lands re-granted and the boundaries defined.

Now it seems by Essex county records, the administration was granted 18 May, 1713, to Susanna, widow of John Smith, of Gloucester, mariner;* that they had children John, Abigail, Rebecca, Susanna and Joseph.

Here I leave this line, having no Whitmore blood in it. As yet I find no trace of any children of Mary (Farrow) Smith, and it is unlikely that she had any. Still, as she was born in 1645, she may have re-married after Smith's death.

Mr. Marshall says that 12 Oct., 1727, John Smith's heirs sold his land to Samuel Bankes of York, but the deed cannot be found.

Possibly the widow Mary (Farrow) came to Gloucester with her stepson; and it is to be noted that I have not traced Phebe, her sister.

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* The Gloucester records have the children of John Smith, Jr., and Susanna, as follows:

John, b. 2 Nov., 1702; d. 25 June, 1714, aged 16½ years.
Abigail, b. 25 Aug., 1704.
Rebecca, b. 25 Dec., 1706.
Joseph, b. 20 March, 1709.
Susanna, b. 6 Nov., 1711.

Susanna, widow, aged about 46 years, died 2 March, 1725.

THE BREWER-WHITMORE BRANCH.

JOHN BREWER OF IPSWICH.

Since the preceding pages were printed, Mr. Waters has kindly furnished me with more facts about JOHN BREWER. It seems that his will, dated 14 June, 1684, presented 30 Sept. following, is in Essex Wills, iv. 100–4. He is termed JOHN BREWER, Sen., of Ipswich, and mentions wife Mary, *father Brewer* of Hamton, grandchild Edward Chapman, other gr. ch. John Chapman; residuary legatees, son John Bruer and dau. Mary Chapman. Overseers, brother Thomas Lull and Simeon Stace; wife Mary, executrix.

Oct. 2, 1684, widow Mary, who, being incapable, renounced executorship, made an agreement with "son John Brewer," and Simon Chapman, "said Simon being the husband of said Bruer's daughter, deceased." Mary (Whitmore) Brewer, widow of John, 1st, died 10 Dec., 1684.

The inventory of J. B., "who decesed the 22 June, 1684,"* mentions as one item, "Bermoody basket, 1s."

It is thus not only shown that John Brewer, Sen., of Ipswich, was not the Sudbury man, but it is made evident that he had a father living in Hampton. Mr. Joseph Dow of that town has given me some facts which enable me to make a probable pedigree. Our Boston records (see REGISTER, xi. 202) say that "William Lane was married to Mary Brewer, the daughter of Thomas Brewer of Roxbury, 21 : 6 : 56 :" i. e., Aug. 21, 1656. Now, 29 Nov., 1657, at Hampton, N. H., were married Sarah Brewer and Thomas Webster; and at Hampton the record says "ould goodman Brewer dyed 23 March 1690" (the year being 1689–90, as other entries show).

The son of Mary (Brewer) Lane married at Boston, 21 June, 1680, Sarah Webster of Hampton, dau. of Sarah (Brewer)

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* The town record says he died 23d June.

Webster. If Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Webster were sisters, these children would be first cousins; and the fact that Mrs. Webster lived at Hampton would account for her father's removing to that town. This view was urged in the REGISTER, ix. 160, and is in every respect most probable.

We have then (1) THOMAS[1] BREWER of Roxbury, said to have been at Ipswich in 1642 (perhaps a brother of Daniel B. of same), who died "old" in 1690, at Hampton, with children John, Sen., of Ipswich, Sarah Webster and Mary Lane.

(2) JOHN[2] BREWER, Sen., of Ipswich, m. Mary (Whitmore) and had:—

i. Mary, b. 23 Sept., 1648; m. Simon Chapman.
(3) ii. John, b. 6 Oct., 1653.
iii. Sarah, b. 27 March, 1655; prob. d. unm.

In the next generation:—

(3) JOHN[3] BREWER, Jr., of Ipswich, and Susanna Warner, were married at Ipswich, January, 1674, as the court records show. He was chosen clerk of the writs (or town clerk) of Ipswich, 27 Nov., 1683. Susanna, wife of John Brewer, died Nov. 20, 1688. (Town records.)

He married, secondly, 3 June, 1689, Martha, dau. of Abraham Perkins, and had:—

i. Hannah,[4] } b. 19 Feb., 1689; d. young.
ii. Martha,[4] }
(4) iii. JOHN,[4] b. 1692; aged 5 years in 1697.
(5) iv. MARY,[4] b. 1695; " 2 " " "
v. Martha,[4] b June, 1697; aged 4 months in 1697; d. young.

Oct. 4, 1697, his widow Martha was made administratrix; her bond, as guardian of the three children, gives their names and ages. She afterwards made return as administratrix, 8 Oct., 1701, as Martha Brewer, *alias* Ingols (Essex Wills, vii. 101). She was also appointed guardian to John Brewer, minor, son of John B. of Ipswich, and mentions that his sister Martha was deceased.

Jan. 18, 1702–3, Abraham Perkins of Ipswich was made guardian of the children of John Brewer, viz.: John, aged about 10 years, and Mary, about 8 years. He was unquestionably their uncle, and their mother had married secondly —— Ingols.

These two grandchildren of Mary (Whitmore) Brewer both married; and there were also living their cousins, the children of Mary Chapman, two being mentioned in the will of John Brewer, Sen., viz.: Edward and John Chapman.

(4) JOHN[4] BREWER, 3d, of Ipswich, was a mariner. Nov. 9, 1717 (Essex Deeds, vol. xxxii.), he with wife Abigail sell a half right in common land to Robert Calfe, clothier. Mentions his father John Brewer.

Again (Essex Wills, xi. 101), 14 Dec., 1714, Ephraim Smith and Mary his wife, dau. of John Brewer of Ipswich, having received £20 from his brother John Brewer, mariner, acquitted the estate.

JOHN[4] and Abigail Brewer had at Ipswich—

i. Abigail,[5] bapt. 19 Nov., 1721.

His wife d. 27 Sept., 1723, and I cannot trace this line farther.

(5) Mary[4] Brewer, as just shown, married Ephraim Smith.

Administration was granted 9 Feb., 1720, on the estate of Ephraim Smith to his widow Mary. I have not been able to trace this line farther.

It remains only to add that I have shown that certainly Mary Whitmore (Brewer) and possibly Ann Whitmore (Farrow) left issue settled in Essex county, Mass., as late as 1720. By any of these lines of descent the old Bible before mentioned (*ante,* p. 38) might have been handed down. All that I felt obliged to do, was to establish such a possibility, and this I think has been done.

POSTSCRIPT.

AUTOGRAPH OF FRANCIS WHITMORE.

ON p. 15, I stated that Francis Whitmore of Laxton might be the witness to the will of Mrs. Sarah Egerton in 1624, at London. I have since received from Col. Chester the facsimile of the signature of Francis W. appended to his will. It is as follows:

ffrancis Whitmore

The signature of the witness to the Egerton will is as follows:

ffra: Whitmore

From the striking dissimilarity, I presume there can be no doubt that these are different persons. But the witness may be either the Francis mentioned on p. 20, or the one mentioned in Tract No. 2.

Tract No. Five.

WILCOX FAMILY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

THE WILCOX FAMILY.

IT seems that William Wilcox, of Cambridge, who died Nov. 28, 1653, in his will dated two days before (Reg. xvi. 76), mentions his wife then sick. (See appendix C.) From the Rev. Lucius R. Paige I learn that William Wilcox m. Mary Powell, Jan. 22, 1650.

On our Boston records (Reg. xi. 200) I find "Jacob Elliot was marryed to Mary Wilcock, widow, 9 : 11 : 54 : by Capt. Humphrey Atherton."

Savage indeed writes: "Wilcox, John, Dorchester, whose young widow m. 9 Jan'y, 1654–5, Jacob Eliot." But in this he was clearly wrong. On the Dorchester records (MS. vol. i. pp. 135, 141) it seems indeed, that a John Wilcox was in the spring of 1661 and of 1662, twice appointed a fence viewer. He m. widow Mary Farnsworth, and deeds land in 1661 and 1665. But this proves too much, for this John did not have a widow six years before. I find no other John Wilcox in Dorchester, and this John was certainly the Middletown man. We must look elsewhere for Eliot's wife.

It seems therefore almost certain that Jacob Elliot, Jr.'s wife was Mary, widow of William Wilcox, of Cambridge; since she was a widow and the only one we know of.

Leaving out of sight some early settlers of the name in Rhode Island, we find that there was a John Wilcox, of Hartford (Hinman, first ed. 98), surveyor of highways 1642 and 1644, juror 1645, called senior in 1648 (Trumbull's Conn. Rec. i. 172), selectman in 1649. He must have died before Oct., 1666, when his widow makes her will.

His widow Mary's will was dated Oct. 4, 1666: she mentions dau. Ann Hall, cousin (*i. e.* grand-child) Sarah Long, son John Bidwell. An abstract of this and other papers will be found in Appendix A.

It is evident as the father is called John, Sen., in 1648, that he then had a son John, Jr., of adult age, and we identify this latter with

JOHN WILCOX, of Hartford, who m., first, Sarah, dau. of William Wadsworth, Sept. 17, 1646, and had:

i. Sarah, b. Oct. 3, 1648.

His wife dying, he m., second, January 18, 1650, Catherine Stoughton, moved to Middletown, and had several children, viz.:

ii. John, b. Oct. 29, 1650; d. before his father.
iii. Thomas, d. before his father.
iv. Mary, b. Nov. 13, 1654; d. before her father.
v. Israel, b. June 19, 1656.
vi. Samuel, b. Nov. 9, 1658.

This wife dying, he m., third, Mary,[1] widow of Joseph Farnsworth, of Dorchester; before that, widow of —— Long, who died in 1671.

He m., fourth, Esther, dau. of William Cornwell, and had:

vii. Ephraim, b. July 9, 1672.
viii. Esther, b. Dec. 9, 1673.
ix. Mary, b. March 21, 1676.

He d. May 24, 1676. March 1, 1676–7 (Co. Court Rec. iii. 161), the court ordered distribution. On the inventory (409 L., ii. 4) it is noted: "The children of the deceased are, Sarah Long, near 28 years old; Israel, 20 year old; Samuel, Nov. 9, '76, 18 year old; Ephraim, 4 year old 9 July, 1676; Hester, 2 years old Dec. the last, 1675; Mary was born the 9, 1675–6."

These dates agree generally with the births as above recorded.

ANN (WILCOX) HALL. It is stated in the Wetmore genealogy, apparently from the Middletown records, that "Ann, wife of John Hall and daughter of John Wilcocke, died July 20, 1673, aged about 57." She was of course the daughter of John Wilcox, Sen. Her husband was John Hall, Jr., son of John of Hartford and Middletown, who had lived in New-England 40 years before his death in 1673.

Savage indeed doubts if she might not be a second wife of John Hall, Sen.; but this is impossible. First, as John Hall, Sen., died May 26, 1673, Anne would have been called his widow, not his wife, two months later.

Again, John Hall, Sen.'s will dated May 14, 1673, as copied by Mr. Trumbull, mentions son Richard Hall and his children, son John

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[1] The proofs of this marriage are amply set forth in Appendix B.

Hall, children of daughter Sarah Wetmer, deceased, son Thomas Wetmer; gives 10 shil. towards a school; and gives the remainder of his estate to son Samuel Hall and his heirs.

But he mentions no wife, and it is incredible that he should have had one living but unnoticed.

We do not doubt then that the "An Haul" mentioned by the widow of John Wilcox, Sen., as her daughter, was Anne, wife of John Hall, Jr., and sister-in-law of Sarah Hall, wife of Thomas Whitmore, of Hartford, ancestor of the Wetmores of this country.

It is a coincidence certainly that whilst John Wilcox, Sen., of Middletown, had a dau. Ann who m. John Hall, Jr., of that place (sister-in-law of Sarah, wife of Thomas Whitmore), the Cambridge William Wilcox mentions in his will a sister, the widow Hall, whose children were William and Susan. We identify her with the widow Mary Hall, of Cambridge, who had children John, Susanna, Stephen, William, Mary, Hannah and Lydia.

It is curious that John Wilcox, Sen., had a dau. Ann Hall, and William Wilcox a sister Mary Hall; but this may point to some connection in England between John and William Wilcox, and between the Halls of Middletown and the Halls of Cambridge.

Francis Whitmore, of Cambridge, is mentioned by William Wilcox as one in his "family meeting." Now believing as we do that Jacob Eliot, Jr., m. the widow Wilcox, it is to be noted that Dea. John Whitmore (son of Francis) m. Rachel, dau. of Francis Eliot, own cousin to Jacob E., Jr., and Abigail Whitmore, sister of Dea. John, m. Samuel Wilcox, of Middletown, son of John W., Jr. Again, Mary Stoughton, niece of John Wilcox, Jr., and sister of the wife of Samuel Farnsworth, m. John Eliot, grandson of the Rev. John E., and cousin once-removed to Jacob, Jr., and to Rachel Eliot.

Although there was no known relation between Thomas Whitmore, of Middletown, and Francis Whitmore, of Cambridge, it is somewhat strange that Francis's oldest son, Francis, Jr., went to Middletown, as did two of his daughters, who m. respectively Daniel Markham and Samuel Wilcox. But if the Middletown Wilcoxes, Halls and Whitmores were relatives of the Cambridge Wilcoxes, Halls and Whitmores, then such a removal would be natural. These coincidences, added to the cross-marriages and the Eliot connections, seem to go far to render such relationships highly probable.

Leicestershire is bounded by the counties east by Lincoln and Rutland, south by Northampton, west by Warwick and Derby (Stafford almost touching it), north by Nottingham.

It is worthy of notice that the visitation of Leicestershire mentions the following families, giving pedigrees thereof, viz.: Wilcocks, Hastings, Fox, and Hall, rendering it desirable to examine the records of that county first, in order to find the origin of these colonists.

William Wilcox, of Cambridge, mentions particularly the son of the Rev. Thomas Shepard, "for whose father's sake I cannot forget him." This clergyman was born at Towcester, near Northampton, in the county of that name, Nov. 5, 1605; went to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, in 1620; was a lecturer of Earles-colne, co. Essex; then lived at Butterchrome, co. York, at Sir Richard Darley's house; then went to Northumberland; sailed from Harwich in 1634, was driven back by a storm, and lived at Bastwick, co. Norfolk; reëmbarked and arrived in New-England, Oct. 3, 1635. He was settled in Cambridge, Mass., till he died, Aug. 25, 1649. Wilcox may mean by his words only such acquaintance as he had had with Shepard in Cambridge here, or he may refer to some knowledge of him in England.

Appendix A.

The following copies of wills and papers on record at Hartford have been most kindly made for me by J. Hammond Trumbull, Esq.

[Original on file. Recorded Prob. Rec. iii. 61.]

Will, Oct. 4, 1666, of *Mary Wilcock*, widow. of Hartford. To cousin *Sarah Long*, two pewter platters. To daughter *An Haul*, 40 shil. and best feather pillow. All other estate, after debts paid, and "charges about my comly buriall being discharged," to loving son *John Bidwell*, who is made sole executor. Dea. Butler and James Ensing intreated to be overseers.

Signed (by mark of) Mary Wilcock.

witnesses,

Richard Butler,
James Ensing.

Adm. granted Mch. 4, 1668–9—inventory, £40.

"Pr Mr Sam^{ll} Willys Capt. Jno Talcot Lt. Jno Allyn

Octob^{r} 29 : 67. Upon ye motion of Deacon Butler in behalf of the Widdow Wilcox, the Assis^{ts} doe see cause to order that John Wilcox doe pay unto his mother the said Widdow Wilcox or her Assignes six pounds a year in wheat and pease at price currant to be paid in Hartford where she or they shall appoint, which is in lieu of what he is engaged to pay unto her by his father's will. And ye said John Wilcox is to possess and enioy the old house, the closset, and ye fruit of ye Orchyard which by ye will of her husband she should possess, but throw weakness is disabled for continueing in ye house to possesse it alone. The magestrates doe also determine that what rent is to be paid for ye house and orchyard by the Jewes who have lived in it this year past, that it be paid to ye said Widdow."

[Quarter Court Records, iii. 69.]

A County Court at Hartford, March 5, 1667–68.

"Upon the motion of Deacon Richard Butler & James Ensing, that some course might be taken that some might be impowered to disspose of the Widow Willcox & her estate to the best advantage, that there might be some comfortable satisfaction made to those that shall entertein her as long as her estate will afoard it, this Court referrs the whole matter to the prudent management of the sayd Butler & Ensigne & doe hereby impower them to act in it."—[Ibid, p. 76.]

APPENDIX B.

John Wilcox, of Hartford and Middletown, had for his first wife Sarah Wadsworth, and her sister m. Thomas Stoughton, Jr. Wilcox m., second, Catherine Stoughton, sister of Thomas S. and dau. of the Thomas Stoughton, Sen., who went from Dorchester to Windsor. Catherine had many relatives living in Dorchester, and her last child was born in Nov., 1658. Probably she died soon after, and John Wilcox m. a third wife Mary, who died in 1671.

We find at Dorchester a John Wilcox, who was fence viewer in 1661, 1662 (Dorchester Rec. MS. vol. i. pp. 131, 141) ; and on Suff. Deeds vii. 296, April 24, 1661, a deed from John Wilcox, of D., and Mary his wife, executrix of the will of Joseph Farnsworth, to William Pond. Also (Suff. Deeds xi. 359), March 17, 1664–5, deed of same John and Mary Wilcox, to Samuel Rigbee.

In the REGISTER, ix. 140, is the will of Joseph Farnsworth above cited, made Jan. 2, 1659, speaking of his wife Mary, and her two

children by a former husband, viz., Joseph Long and Thomas Long. Joseph Farnsworth seems to have had a son Samuel Farnsworth, by this wife Mary, though he had other children, doubtless by a former wife.

On file at Hartford is the will dated April 3, 1671, of *Mary*, wife of *John Wilcox*, of Middletown, "declared by word of mouth." Gives to her son, *Samuel Fernsworth*, £10 stg., out of her land in the great lot at Dorchester. Remainder of the lot to her husband, John Wilcox. To her son, *Joseph Long*, the bill she had of him for land bought of her. "White was coat and red tammy coat" to *Mary Willcox*. To *Sarah Long*, her feather bed and bolster which is at Hartford in her house already, her "cloath wascoat with the great silver lace, and a petty coate." Freely resigns to her husband, J. W., his estate which was mortgaged to her. Desires that £10 given her son, Samuel Fernsworth, should be paid to her friend, Capt. Hopestill Foster, of Dorchester, to be kept till he come of age. Witnessed by John Hall and Anne Hall.

John Willcox owned in court, Sept. 7, 1671, that he gave his wife liberty to make her will.

These documents of course prove that John Wilcox, of Middletown, was the Dorchester man, and that his third wife was the widow Long–Farnsworth. I think it also certain that his step-son, Thomas Long, married Sarah Wilcox, dau. of John W. by his first wife. Such intermarriages are common and natural. Sarah Long, born in 1648, is reckoned among John Wilcox's children, just where his oldest dau. Sarah would be; no other step-children are so reckoned, and we may be sure Sarah Wilcox had married a Long. Savage records a Thomas Long, of Hartford, 1665, and we know not who he was, unless he was John Wilcox's step-son. We conclude therefore that Thomas Long married his step-sister Sarah Wilcox.

Again, Samuel Farnsworth, another step-son of John Wilcox, m. in 1677, Mary, dau. of Thomas Stoughton, Jr., a girl doubly a cousin to the children of Wilcox, with whom Farnsworth had been brought up. This may serve to indicate that the mixed households, of which John Wilcox was the head, lived in harmony and accord.

APPENDIX C.

The will is as follows:

I, *William Wilcockes* of Cambridge, although weake in Body, yet of sound mind, make this my last will. Just debts be Sattisfied, and the remainder of my estate, my wife shall have the use thereof dureing the time of her widowhood, and when it shall please the Lord to change her Condition. by marriage, or by death. whether shall first happen, my will is, that my estate shalbe thus divided; to my dear pastor, *M^r. Michell*, I give £5. to *Elder* Frost, £4. to my Couzen *John Woodes*, £10. To my Loving Brethren that were of my family meeting, vizt. *Rog^r. Bancroft*, *Jno. Hasting*, *Tho. Fox*, *William Patten* and *Francis Whitmore*, I give 20^s a peece; to my sister, the *Widow Hall*, 20^s. and to her sonne *William*, and daughter *Susan*, I give 20^s a peece; to my honest Bro. *Richard Francis*, I give 20^s, and to my Bro. *Jno. Taylor*, I give 40^s; to Tho. Shepard (for whose fathers sake I cannot forget him) I give £5, and the remainder of my estate my will is, that it shall be thus divided; to my wife, in case the Lord doth lengthen out her life so that shee doth againe chang her condition by mariage, my will is that shee shall have the one halfe thereof; and in case the Lord shall take her away eyther before shee Recover of this present sicknes which is now upon her, or before her mariage, my will is, that shee shall then dispose and have to her Use only one fourth part of the remainder of my estate, after my debts & legacies are first payd, and the remainder of my estate I give to my sisters Children in old England, to be equally divided between them. who were the Children of my deare sister *Christian Boyden*. [*Boiden* in orig. will.] I appoynt for my Executors, my Loving wife and *Tho: Danforth*, whom I do desire to see this my will fulfilled.

26, 9 mo. 1653. per me WILLIAM WILCOCKS

Witness

Tho. Brigham his marke, Anne Hastings, Tho. Danforth.

Entered and recorded 22. 3 mo. 1654. Jany 3, 1653–4, depositions made. Inventory 22. 10 mo. 1653—deposition 3. 11 mo. 1653.

By the kindness of Mr. Thomas B. Wyman, I learn that the following memoranda is on the original will, both being in Danforth's hand-writing:

Due to Bro Wilcockes in Barbados
Mr Collins
Sewall's bills left in the hands of Anthony Lane
Mr Collins and his wife to write to Capt Middleton &c
Due to Br Wilcocks in N. E from Edw Allen in Boston

Jno Smith
Mr Scott
Sugar at Capt Nortons
Goodm Jones
Longhome for Tho Danforth
Sent to Barbados by Jno Thrumble
4 firkins Butter to Anthony Lane
4 plowes &c to Christophe Line
Bro W Dr to Mr Tanner
Geo Chinery
Edw Hutchinson

I give to Jno Woodes, Mr Mitchell Br Patten ffranc: Whitmore Rogr Bancroft, widow Hall Jno Hastings Tho Fox 20s a peese in Sugr to Ri Frances, Jno Taylor Eldr Frost, Tho Shepard Wm & Susan Hall 10s a peece.

Here Thomas Danforth, overseer of Wilcock's will, calls him *Bro. W.* This may be only as a brother in the church. He was son of Nicholas Danforth, of Framlingham, co. Suff., and married Mary Withington, of Dorchester, in 1644. Her brother, Richard Withington, m. before 1650 Elizabeth, dau. of Philip Eliot. Another coincidence of Eliots.

It is to be added that I have failed to trace any land to Wilcox. Perhaps he owned none, but held personal property only. Otherwise it is difficult to see what became of the land, since either the Boydens or Eliots (if the widow m. Jacob Eliot, jun.) would have disposed of it some time.

Tract No. Six.

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS OF WHITMORES,

FROM ENGLISH RECORDS.

From the Registry of Wills, at Litchfield, England.

1.

Henry Whitmore of Sheriff-hales, Co. Stafford, will dated 1549. Wife, Sybil; sons, Humphrey, Richard, William, Thomas, John, and George. Daughters, Cassandra, Margaret, and Anne.

2.

Humphrey Whitmore of Sheriff-hales, yeoman, died Nov. 23, 1590. His will mentions daughter Cicily Momford, son-in-law William Brofield, godson Humphrey Whitmore; Executors, Geoffrey Millington and William Brofield.

3.

Richard Whytmore of Newport, Co. Salop. Will dated Jan. 12, 1570–1, proved Sept. 2, 1571. Mentions wife Elizabeth, brother William, sons Thomas and William, daughter Elizabeth. Mentions John Whytmore, "the boy that lives in my house." Executor, Wm. Hakyn, the younger.

His widow's will, dated May 5, 1573, proved Sept. 29, same year, adds sister Frances.

4.

William Whitmore of ———, died Feb. 16, 1579–80. Will mentions wife Isabel, brothers Richard Whitmore of Newport, Humphrey Whitmore, and Thomas Whitmore, who had a son Henry. Daughter-in-law Jane, late wife of Richard Waynewright. Mentions William and Elizabeth Whitmore, not twenty-one. [Probably children of Richard, his brother.] Overseer, Richard Whitmore of Willbrighton.

Prerogative Court, London.

5.

Richard Whitmore of Willbrighton, in the parish of Grosnall, Co. Stafford, will dated Dec. 20, 1587, proved Jan. 27, 1588. Mentions children by first wife, Frances, Humphrey and William; by present wife Isabel, son Thomas, daughters

Ellen, Beatrice and Joan. Witnessed by Thomas Whitmore and Mary Whitmore.

Litchfield Registry.

6.

John Whytmore of Ashley, Co. Stafford, will dated June 12, 1571; proved May 7, 1572. Mentions brother William and his children; cousin Margaret, wife of Roger Yorke; kinswoman, Margaret Shawe.

7.

Thomas Whitmore of Thornall in the parish of Madely, Co. Stafford, yeoman, died May 12, 1573. His will mentions wife Agnes, sons Thomas, Richard and Humphrey, and three daughters. Mentions lands in Betley and Ashley. Witness, William Whitmore of Thornall.

His widow died Dec. 25, 1591; her will adds daughters Margaret Podmore, Anne Sherrat (?), and Margaret (?) Gorton.

8.

Richard Whitmore of Thornall in Madely, d. Dec. 4, 1603. His will mentions brothers Thomas and Humphrey, brother John Sheriff, sister Margaret Podmore, Thomas and William Podmore, George Gorton, uncle John Brown and aunt Mary, and gives legacies to Margaret, Ellen, William, Robert, Anne, Dorothy, Elizabeth, and Egerton Whitmore. No children mentioned.

9.

Thomas Whitmore of Barr-hill in Madely, gentleman, will dated Aug. 4, 1601, proved Oct. 1606; mentions wife Joan, son Peter, and his children, Thomas and Emmanuel, daughter Ellen and her child, cousins Margaret, Jane, Francis and his male issue.

10.

Peter Whitmore of Barr Hill in Madely, gentleman, will dated Feb. 28, 1662–3, proved April 28, 1664; mentions wife Susanna, brother Thomas, who has the care of his goods at Onneley, son Thomas, daughters Mary and Anne. Executors, uncle George Audley of Audley, and brother-in-law William Hinton of Ridgwardine.

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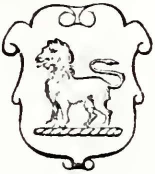
William Whitmore of Littleshale [probably Hales in Drayton], Co. Salop, will dated June 4, 1667, proved Oct. 4, 1667; mentions wife Margaret, brothers John and Rowland Whitmore, daughter Margaret Hawkins, grandchildren William, Humphrey, Margaret, and Sarah Whitmore.

Seal, a double-tailed lion, rampant, crest, a tiger (?) passant. [Note.—Francis Whitmore of Cambridge, Mass., 1649, had then, wife Isabel, daughter of William Parke. His son used a seal, (only one impression of which I have seen), appears to be a lion's head. His grandson's widow, her two sons and their wives used, in 1742, the seal here engraved.]



12.

Humphrey Whitmore of Chebsey, Co. Stafford, clerk, will dated Sept. 10, 1616, proved July 29, 1617; mentions wife Cassandra, daughters Dorothy Simson, Margaret Underwood, Anne, Isabel and Barbara; son Thomas and his children Adie, Margaret and Frances, son-in-law Ellice Weston, brother-in-law Humphrey Powler.

13.

William Whytmore of Rotherham, Co. York, gentleman, will dated Aug. 16, 1568; son Richard, wife Cecilie, daughter Elizabeth, wife of Stephen Browne; wife's father John Parker, daughter-(?)-in-law Frances Parker; sisters Elizabeth Howtost and Jane Richardson. Leaves his son his lands in Caunton, Kirsault, Newark and Beesthorp, Co. Notts.

[Note.—These places are all within a circuit of five miles, as is also Laxton.]

14.

Francis Whitmore of Laxton, Co. Nottingham, gentleman,

will dated Jan. 26, 1644–5; mentions sister Anne Farrar, nephew Robert Farrar, "if he be alive and in England;" nephews John, William, Francis, Thomas, and George Farrar; wife in England.

[NOTE.—See Gen. Register, Oct. 1852. A Robert Farrar came to Virginia in 1635. George Farrar was of Ipswich, Mass., 1637; m. Ann Whitmore Feb. 16, 1643–4. had three children, of whom George, b. 9 May, 1650, was killed at Wells, by the Indians, Sept. 27, 1676. His wife Ann, d. 1650–60, and he m. Elizabeth ———, and d. in 1662.]

15.

Harl. Mss., No. 2067.

John Whitmore of Thurstaston, Co. Chester, Esq., will dated Sept. 18, 1583. desires to be buried in the chancel at West Kirby, near the tomb of his ancestors; mentions cousins (i. e. nephews) John and William and their father Thomas, cousins Henry Whitmore, William Hockenhull of Prenton, William Bennett, Richard Anian and Mary Whitmore.

16.

Registry of Wills at Chester.

William Whitmore, the elder, of Leighton, Co. Chester, Esq., will dated March 1, 1619, proved Jan. 16, 1620, desires to be buried at Weston, near his late wife; wife Catherine, son William, reputed son Thomas, daughters Christian, Eleanor, and Jane and her husband William Bennet, kinsmen John Hough and William Coventree of London.

His daughter Christian in her will, Dec. 14, 1625, mentions sister Jane, wife of William Whitmore, brothers William, Richard and Thomas.

Parish Record, Knutsford, Co. Chester.

July 30, 1553, bapt. Margaret, daughter of Robert Whitmore.

Oct. 29, 1590, bapt. Ellen Whitmore, *alias* Antrobus, spurious.

May 1, 1593, married Charles Hale and Parnel Whitmore.

17.

Lichfield Registry.

John Whitmore of Colingwood, in the parish of Tatenhill. Will dated 1547, mentions wife Isabell, sons John and William, daughter Agnes. Witness, Thomas Whitmore.

18.

Prerogative Court, London.

George Whitmore of Balmes, Middlesex, Knight. Will dated March 14, 1651. He mentions wife Mary, son Charles, (to whom he gives the manor of Ottingham, Co. York,) son George, cousin William Whitmore the Draper, cousins Thomas Whitmore and William Bond, nephew William Whitmore.

[Concerning Ottingham, see Poulson's History of Holdernesse, ii., 426.]

19.

Registry of Wills at York.

Cecilie Whitmore, widow, of Eastwood, in the parish of Rotherham, Co. York. Will dated Oct. 5, 1610. No Whitmores mentioned.

Stephen Brown of Brampton, Co. York, in his will dated March 20, 1597, speaks of Rowland Whitmore, and of his brother Whitmore and wife Ellen.

[Note.—See *ante.* Will No. 13.]

20.

Lichfield Registry.

William Whitmore of Rolleston, Co. Stafford. Will dated April 24, proved May 17, 1623, mentions wife Ellen, brother Richard, John Whitmore's three children, William Whitmore's son that lives with his grandfather, Judith Whitmore's daughter that lives with brother Richard. Thomas Alcock of Tutbury Woodhouses, appointed overseer.

21.

Ibid.

Thomas Whitmore of Trysall. Will dated May 24, proved

Sept. 14, 1630. He died July 1, 1630. Mentions his mother and his wife Isabel.

22.

Ibid.

Edward Whitmore of Nether Penn, Co. Stafford, yeoman. Will dated Nov. 10, 1646. Mentions wife, sons Thomas, John and Garbett, daughters Eleanor, Alice and Sarah; brother William; cousin John Hincks, Sen. of Pirton; son-in-law Walter Green.

23.

Ibid.

William Whitmore of Mearewaylane, Co. Stafford. He died Oct. 14, 1649. His will mentions wife Elizabeth, daughters Dorothy, Ellen and Elizabeth.

24.

Ibid.

Thomas Whitmore of Stone. Will proved Aug. 23, 1667, mentions his mother, his wife Isabel (who re-married to Vernon Turton), brother Richard, brother Thomas Lake, sister Margaret Lake.

25.

Ibid.

James Whitmore of Drayton-in-Hales, Co. Salop. Will dated Feb. 12, 1675–6. Mentions wife Isabel, daughters Mary and Alice, son-in-law Roger Whitworth; appoints Edmund Blest of Ridgwardine, executor.

26.

Rolls Chapel, London.

Inquisition on the death of William Whitmore of Shropshire (36 Eliz.), mentions the manor of Martin, in the parish of Bedwin, and lands in Wiltshire. He had wife Susan.

27.

Litchfield Registry.

Thomas Whitmore gave a bond, May 22, 1666, as adminis-

trator of his neice Isabel Whitmore, late of Tatenhill, Co. Salop.

Stoke by Nayland, Co. Suffolk.

John Whitmore married Joan Wheeler, Oct. 8, 1618. John, son of John, bap. Jan. 13, 1622.

28.

Prerogative Court, London.

William Whitmore of Wittlesea, in the Isle of Ely, Co. Camb. Will proved May 29, 1632, mentions wife Isabel, sons Thomas, Ralph and William, daughter Joan.

29.

William Whitmore of Whittlesea. Will proved May 1, 1663. Mentions wife Rose, son John, brother Thomas, not 21. Mentions, also, lands in Blackbush left to his son John.

30.

Pleasant Whitmore of Whittlesea. Will proved May 12, 1677. Mentions sons Thomas, Richard and Robert; daughters Bridget Hardiman, Helen Leverton and Alice.

31.

William Whitmore of Whittlesea. Will proved Dec. 10, 1716. Mentions wife Mary, sons William, Thomas and John, daughter Rose, wife of Robert Wright. Mentions land in Blackbush.

From the Whittlesea Parish Register.

May 6, 1670, William Whitmore married Mary Samon.
Oct. 10, 1662, bap. Alice, daughter of John Whitmore.
Feb. 6, 1696, bap. Adam, son of William and Mary.

32.

Surrey Registry.

John Whitmore of Woking. Will proved Jan. 10, 1662. Mentions wife Dorothy, sons John, William and Richard, and daughter Katherine Martin, brothers-in-law John Lee and William Collyer.

33.

Thomas Whitmore of Aldbury. Will proved April 10, 1623. Mentions daughter Susan (deceased), wife of William Stevens of East Clanden, and Judith, wife of Richard Moody of Aldbury, brother John Whitmore of Reigate and his son Nicholas. Grandson William Moody, executor.

34.

George Whitmore of West Horsley. Will proved July 4, 1635. Mentions wife Susanna, son Robert, daughters Mary, Alice, Anne and Sarah, sisters Katherine Francis, Anne Shambell and Mary Goddard.

35.

Robert Whitmore of West Horsely. Will proved Dec. 4, 1634. Mentions daughters Katherine, wife of John Francis, Anne, wife of Thomas Shambley, and Mary, wife of Christopher Goddard; son George, and his children Mary, Elizabeth, Anne and Robert.

36.

Thomas Whitmore of Womersh. Will proved Sept. 5, 1609. Mentions wife Julian, son John and his son John, son Nicholas and his wife Frances, son Thomas, son Paul and his son John.

37.

Thomas Whitmore of Womersh. Will proved Sept. 16, 1630. Mentions mother Julian, present wife Elizabeth, brother John Stevens, brother Nicholas, son Thomas, daughters Joan and Elizabeth, god-daughter Audrey Whitmore.

38.

William Whitmore of Godalming. Nuncupative will proved March 25, 1624, gives every thing to his aunt, Mabel Anthony.

39.

John Whitmore of Shaulforde. Will proved Oct. 12, 1597. Mentions brothers John, Thomas, Paul and Nicholas, father Thomas Whitmore.

40.

Francis Watmore of Kinlet, Co. Salop. *Inq. post mortem*, Jan. 26, 7 Car. 1. He died June 29, 1627. His heirs were

his sisters and their husbands, viz., Joan, married William West of Stony Stanton; Alice, married Edward West of the same place.

41.

Arch-deaconry Court of Norfolk.

William Whitmore of Shouldam. Will proved Nov. 7, 1705. Mentions son George, daughter Elizabeth.

42.

Mary Whitmore of South Lapham, widow. Will dated Feb. 27, 1715. Mentions son John and daughter Elizabeth.

43.

Paul Whitmer of Wymondham. Will proved Oct. 19, 1599. Mentions wife Susan and a child unborn.

44.

Richard Whitmar of Aylsham. Will proved June 11, 1604. Mentions wife Alice, son Edward, daughter Agnes, and son's wife, Robert Coye.

45.

At Longham, Co. Norfolk, Henry Whitmore and wife Marian had—

William.
Mary, bap. May 15, 1600; d. April 25, 1610.
Henry, bap. May 1, 1603.
John, bap. Oct. 16, 1609.

He was buried Feb. 14, 1619, and his widow d. Aug. 30, 1620. Of these—

William m. Mary Smyth, July 16, 1620, and had—

Sarah, bap. April 18, 1624.
Anne, bap. Feb. 24, 1627.
George, bap. Nov. 20, 1630.
Cecily, bap. Sept. 27, 1635; d. July 13, 1653.

His widow prob. d. Dec. 15, 1655.

Henry m. Diana Smith, Jan. 1, 1622, and had—

James, bap. ——; d. April 12, 1629.
Israel, bap. Sept. 2, 1626.
Elizabeth, bap. May 11, 1628.

George, bap. Feb. 21, 1629.
Susan; bap. May 12, 1633.
Robert, bap. Aug. 20, 1637.

His wife d. June 18, 1659, and he m. Elizabeth ——. He d. Dec. 29, 1663.

Geeorge Whitmore (prob. son of William) m. Mary ——, and had—

William, bap. March 15, 1652.

His wife d. Feb. 14, 1674.

Robert Whitmore's wife d. March 1, 1660. Robert and Elizabeth W. had—

Susan, bap. Aug. 17, 1662.

Robert and Mary W. had—

Henry, bap. March 27, 1664.

Robert and Margaret W. had—

Diana, bap. March 18, 1666; d. Sept. 16, 1666.
Martha, bap. Sept. 7, 1667.

Margaret, wife of Robert, d. Nov. 25, 1667.

[Note.—Were there two Roberts? or did he have four wives? or did the clerk mistake? The last couple seem to be the son of Henry and his wife.]

Henry Whitmer had—

James, bap. Feb. 23, 1660.
John, bap. Aug. 15, 1663.

Widow Whittmore, d. Feb. 9, 1668.

Widow Alice Whitmore, d. July 30, 1696.

[Note.—The name is spelt on the records Whitmore, Whittmore, Whitmere and Whitmer.]

46.

Prerogative Court, London.

John Whytmore, parson of Stone, in the Diocese of Rochester. Will proved May 17, 1498. Desires to be buried in the Chapel of our Lady, in the Abbey of Manning. Mentions cousin Thomas Whitmore.

47.

Richard Whitmore of Drayton, Co. Berks. Will proved

Oct. 19, 1560. Mentions sons Robert, John, Richard and Henry, and daughter Joan.

48.

Registry of Wills at Chelmsford.

Richard Whitmore of Curringham, Co. Essex. Will dated May 27, 1569. Mentions wife Jane, brother Thomas, daughter Joan.

49.

Prerogative Court, London.

John Whitmore of Fassett, Co. Hunt. Will dated Feb. 14, 1564. Mentions sons William and Thomas, daughter Isabel. brother Ralph.

50.

Thomas Whitmore of Beely, Co. Worcester. Will dated April 21, 1653. Mentions wife Margaret, sons Thomas, Robert, Edward, John, William and Benedict, daughters Anne Carter, Mary, Jane, Frances and Isabel.

51.

Bitterswell, Co. Leicester.

George Whytmore m. Elizabeth Robinson, Aug. 15, 1569. George W. buried Feb. 7, 1597.

52.

Dedham, Co. Essex.

Anne, daughter of Thomas Whitmore, bap. Aug. 6, 1620.
Thomas, son of Wm. and Phebe W., bap. Feb. 1, 1639.

53.

Great Torrington, Co. Bevon.

William, son of Robert Whitmore, bap. 1628.

54.

John Whitmore of Norleigh, 1615, and Richard W. of Axminster, 1640. Wills missing, though indexed at the Archdeacon's Court in Exeter, Co. Devon.

55.

Thomas Whittemore of Hitchin, Co. Herts, m. Anne, widow of —— Willshire, and had—

Alice, bap. May 30, 1567, m. —— Freeman; Mary, bap. July 18, 1571, m. John Hodgkyns, Sept. 29, 1591; Thomas,

bap. Aug. 24, 1572, d. June 18, 1573; Anthony, bap. Aug. 24, 1572, d. Oct. 1, 1572; Abraham, bap. Nov. 25, 1576; Esther, bap. March 9, 1578; Hannah, bap. Sept. 4, 1580, m. Andrew Sewerties, Oct. 13, 1601; Nathaniel, bap. June 14, 1584, d. June 13, 1597.

He was buried Nov. 26, 1617; his wife died Aug. 8, 1584. He had brothers Rowland and William, who had sons Thomas and Roger.

56.

Thomas Whittemore, Jr. of Hitchin m. Mary Meade, Sept. 16, 1591, and had by her, who d. Dec. 8, 1604—

Thomas, bap. Jan. 6, 1593; Elizabeth, bap. Nov. 3, 1594, m. Richard Sheffield, April 28, 1617; Daniel, bap. Sept. 26, 1596; Samuel, bap. Nov. 12, 1598, d. Dec. 26, 1598; Samuel, bap. Aug. 3, 1600; John, bap. May 13, 1602; Mary, bap. Dec. 8, 1604, m. Robert Tristam, April 27, 1631; Nathaniel, bap. June 5, 1608; Anne, bap. Feb. 4, 1610.

His 2d wife was Alice.

57.

Thomas Whittemore, Jr. of Hitchin m. 1st, Sarah, who d. Oct. 31, 1616, and by whom he had—

Sarah, bap. April 14, 1616.

He m. 2d, Sarah, and had—

Mary, bap. May 12, 1624; Thomas, bap. Oct. 6, 1626.

His wife d. Nov. 17. 1628, and by 3d wife he had—

Daniel, bap. July 31, 1633; John, bap. April 27, 1635, d. April 27, 1635; Nathaniel, bap. May 1, 1636; John, bap. Feb. 11, 1638.

This last Thomas came over to Malden, Mass., and is the progenitor of the Whittemores of this country. His will mentions his two sons, named Thomas, one in England and one born here. After he came here, he had children Elizabeth. Benjamin, Thomas, Samuel, Pelatiah and Abraham. Of his grandfather nothing is known, excepting that he "used to sell malt in Southwark, London," and gives a legacy to John Hayley, brewer, of London. This is the only family of the name, thus spelt, yet found on the English records.

Appendix.

[To the twenty-five copies containing Tract No. Six, I have added the following pamphlets printed some twenty years ago. Although the main idea is wrong, as the preceding pages show that the Apley branch was *not* an off-shoot of the Cheshire family, still as this sketch contains many facts and dates, I have concluded to preserve a few copies.]

NOTES

ON THE

Manor and Family of Whitmore.

COMPILED BY W. H. WHITMORE.

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Notes on the Manor of Whitmore.

The learned author of "Magna Britannia" speaks (vol. v. p. 93) of the origin of the name of Whitmore as follows: —

"Co. Stafford, — WHITMORE, a village or manor lying on the banks of the river Sow. It was some time forest lands, and was anciently the seat of a family who took its name from it, being called DE WHITMORE. The BOHUNS had afterwards their seat here; but, in these last centuries, the Manurings (Mainwarings) were owners of it by the marriage of a daughter and heir of the BOHUNS *alias* Bonghys."

The account given in Burke's "Landed Gentry," under the head of BIDDULPH, is, that "RICARDUS FORESTARIUS, who held the manor of WHITMORE *temp. Conquest.*, had a son, ORMUS LE GUIDON, who m. a daughter of NICHOLAS DE BEAUCHAMP, Vicecomes of Stafford, by his wife EMMELINE, dau. of URSO DE ABITOT. ORMUS had four sons, of whom the oldest was ROBERT, who had a son, RALPH DE DARLESTON (who d. *s.p.*), and a daughter, ALINA, who m. INGENULFUS DE GRESLEY. This ALINA is said to have given part of her possessions to her uncles, and part to her daughters, AVISIA and PETRONELLA. AVISIA received Darleston, Fenton, Biddulph, [and Whitmore,] and, marrying HENRY DE VERDON, after three descents these manors came to ALICIA DE VERDON, who m. EDWARD MAINWARING, about 1540, in whose family WHITMORE HALL still remains."

The following evident inaccuracies may be seen in the above account: 1st, EMMELINE, dau. of URSO DE ABITOT, m. WALTER DE BEAUCHAMP, steward to Henry I., who, after the death of his wife's brother, inherited her father's dignities; viz., the constableship of the Castle of Worcester, and shrievalty (an office the same as that of vicecomes) of Worcester. This WALTER DE BEAUCHAMP left, together with sons, but one daughter, EMMA, who m. RALPH, Baron of Sudley. (See Edmondson's Account of the Family of Greville, London, 1766, pp. 27, 28.) The wife of ORMUS must therefore be sought elsewhere. 2d, In Burke's "Commoners," under the name of MAINWARING, of *Whitmore*, is undoubtedly the true account of the three generations preceding the intermarriage with the MAINWARINGS, which says that ALICE, granddaughter and heiress of HUMPHREY DE BOGHEY, or BOHUN (her father, ROBERT DE BOGHEY, having died in 1519), married EDWARD MAINWARING. Lastly, it will be seen that there are but six, or at the most seven, generations given, from the time of the Conquest, 1066, to ALICE DE BOHUN, 1516, which is but half the number which must have lived. I am therefore compelled to regard the account as extremely defective, and as of questionable authority.

PEDIGREE.

Whitmores of Thurstanston.

II. WILLIAM DE WHITMORE (son of WILLIAM DE WHITMORE [I.], son of ROBERT DE WHITMORE, of CHESTER, 1304), m. AGNES DE HASELWALL, about 1300. She was sole daughter and heiress of WILLIAM DE HASELWALL, of THURSTANSTON, *Co. Cheshire*. As this manor became the possession of the WHITMORES, a brief account of its descent is here given.

At the time of the Conquest, ROBERT DE RHUDDLAN, a noble knight, son of HUMPHREY, or UMFRID (the son of AMFRID, of Danish blood), by his wife ADELIZA DE GRANDMESNIL, received the manor of THURSTANSTON, with many others. He was a feudatory of his cousin, HUGH LUPUS, *Earl of Chester*, and became *Lord Marcher of Wales*. (See Odericus Vitalis's "History of England and Normandy," especially b. viii. ch. 3.) He was slain by the Welsh, about the 3d of July, 1088, and was buried at *Chester*, in the Abbey of *St. Werburgh the Virgin*, whence his remains were removed a few years afterwards, by his brother, to the Abbey of *St. Evroult, in Normandy*.

He left two sons (illegitimate?); viz., MATTHEW, who inherited THURSTANSTON, and was a benefactor to the abbey in the time of *Randle Meschines, Earl of Chester;* and SIMON, a monk in that abbey. MATTHEW had a son, WILLIAM, who had issue, — RICHARD, who d. *s. p.*, and PETER DE THURSTANSTON. PETER DE THURSTANSTON had an only daughter, AGNES, heiress of THURSTANSTON and GREAT CALDAY, who became the second wife of PATRICK DE HASELWALL, *Sheriff of Cheshire*, 1277, and had issue, two sons, and one daughter, AGNES.

Of these two sons, WILLIAM DE HASELWALL had issue, — an only daughter, AGNES, who m. WILLIAM DE WHITMORE, as mentioned at the commencement of this section.

The second son, —— DE HASELWALL, m. MARGARET (dau. of JOHN, son of EUSTACHIA DE VERNON, dau. and heiress of RALPH VERNON), and had JOHN DE HASELWALL, who had an only daughter, CECILIA, of whom presently.

To return:

II. WILLIAM DE WHITMORE and AGNES DE HASELWALL had

1 JOHN.

2 ROBERT WHITMORE, of NEWTON.

3 NICHOLAS WHITMORE, of WICHNALL. { (*Vide* Harl. MS. No. 2119, fol. 110.)

III. JOHN WHITMORE, living, with his wife Margery, 19 Ed. II. (1325), and who had a son,

IV. JOHN DE WHITMORE, Mayor of Chester 1369–1372, who m. Cecilia, dau. of John de Hazelwall, as before noticed. He d. October, 1734, and was buried in Trinity Church. Besides John, his oldest son, he had (?) one who m. a dau. of Henry Bulkley, of Worcester. (?)

V. JOHN WHITMORE, of Thurstanston, joining in himself the rights of his father and mother, became lord of the manor. He m., first, Alice ——; and, second, Elizabeth, dau. of Sir Piers Malkauke. Inquisition *post mortem*, 16 Henry VI. (1438).

VI. WILLIAM WHITMORE, of Thurstanston, *eldest* son, and heir apparent, died before his father, — falling, in 1436, before Paris. He m. Joan, daughter and heiress of Ralph Davenport, and had a son,

VII. WILLIAM WHITMORE, of Thurstanston, heir to his grandfather, and Mayor of Chester 1473. He m. Elizabeth, dau. of William Atherton, of Lancashire, in pursuance of a covenant dated Aug. 1, 1423, previous to the birth of the said Elizabeth. He d. [Inq. *p. m.*, 2 Ric. III. (1485)], leaving,

VIII. JOHN WHITMORE, of Thurstanston, son and heir, who m. Cecilia, daughter of Thomas Poole, of Nether Poole, Esq., and, dying [Inq. *p. m.*, 12 Hen. VII. (1497)], left issue,

1 John.
2 Thomas.

Of these,

IX. JOHN WHITMORE, of Thurstanston, m., first, his cousin, Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Poole, of Woodhey; second, Alice, dau. of Adam Birkenhead, of Huxley, Esq.; and thirdly, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Wilbraham. He had no issue by either wife. His brother, Thomas Whitmore [IX.*], m. Catharine, daughter of James Hurlestone, of Picton (who m., second, Ralph Bostock, and had dau., Catharine, who m. Richard Whitmore; see the *Apley Branch*). Thomas died *vitâ fratris;* and the property eventually came to his eldest son, John [X.], of whom presently. Thomas Whitmore and Catharine had (with other children, for whom see the Apley Branch) a second son, William Whitmore, of Leighton, who married Alice, dau. of William Hough (by Jane, his wife, dau. of Thomas, Lord Cromwell), and who was the ancestor of the **Whitmores of Apley**, for whom, *from this date*, see Burke's "Gentry." [N. B. — In that work, a different pedigree is given of the Apley Branch previous to William of Leighton.]

X. JOHN WHITMORE, of Thurstanston, as above, succeeded his uncle, and married, first, Catharine, daughter of Sir William Stanley, of Hooton, by whom he had

1 Elizabeth, living 1568.
2 Margery.

He m., secondly, Margaret, dau. of —— Moore, Esq., and had

3 John, son and heir.
4 Thomas.
5 —— (a dau.), m. Richard Burches, Parson of Thurstanston.
6 Catharine, m. George Bostock, of Burton.

His third wife was Jane, daughter of William Primrose, Esq., of Chester.

XI. Of these, JOHN WHITMORE, of Thurstanston, son and heir, m. Eleanor, dau. of Richard Done, Esq., of Flaxyards, and had

XII. JOHN WHITMORE, of Thurstanston, son and heir, who married Lucy, daughter of Sir John Rogers, of Eltham, *Co. Kent*, and had issue:

1 Valentine.
2 Elizabeth, bapt. July 13, 1616; m. John Jennison, of London.
3 Margaret. m. —— Elmore.
4 Anne, buried Dec. 3, 1619.
5 John, [Harl. MS. 2119, fol. 110.]

XIII. VALENTINE WHITMORE, of Thurstanston, son and heir, m. Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Glegg, of Gayton, May, 1646, and d. March 4, 1676. His children were

1 John, d. young; buried Aug. 7, 1661.
2 William, b. 1654.
3 Valentine.
4 Elizabeth, m. George Ffarington, of Werden, Co. Lancaster.

XIV. WILLIAM WHITMORE, of Thurstanston, m. Dorothy, dau. of Henry Hockenhull, of Tranmere, Esq., (younger son of John Hockenhull, of Prenton). He was buried in 1727; and his wife, March 9, 1732. Children:

1 Joseph.
2 Dorothy, bapt. 1676.

XV. JOSEPH WHITMORE, of Thurstanston, son and heir, m. Dorothy, daughter and heiress of Edward Bythell, of Llwnegrin, *Co. Flint*, and had

1 William, d., *s.p.*, Jan. 4, 1731, aged 21.
2 John, ,, ,, Sept. 10, 1733, ,, ,,
3 Elizabeth, m. Aquila Wyke, and d. *s.p.*
4 Dorothy, ,, Richard Coytmore, d. *s.p.*
5 Benedicta, ,, Joseph Hall, d. *s.p.*
6 Catharine, ,, George Lewis.
7 Mary, ,, Ignatius Wright, d. *s.p.*
8 Lucy, ,, Baptist Smart, d. *s.p.*

XVI. Of these, but one left issue; namely, CATHARINE, who m. George Lewis, Esq. She had an only daughter, —

XVII. Lucy, who m. Charles Browne, Esq., of Marchurial Hall, *Co. Denbigh*, living, a widow, and without issue, 1816.

Thus ends, so far as I know, the elder branch of the Whitmores; but there is a younger branch, settled at Apley, of which I give the following account, in order to correct some errors in Burke: —

Whitmores of Apley.

IX.* THOMAS WHITMORE, by his wife, Catharine Hurleston, had, as previously shown, a son, John, who succeeded his uncle, and also

X.* 2 William.
3 Thomas, of Madeley, Co. Stafford.
4 Elizabeth.
5 Margaret.

X.* WILLIAM WHITMORE, of Leighton, m. Alice, dau. and heiress of William Hough, of Leighton (by Jane, his wife, dau. of Thomas, Lord Cromwell), and d. Aug. 27, 1620. His children were

1 William, b. 1577.
2 Richard.
3 John.
4 Thomas (illegitimate), who had issue.
5 Jane, m. William Bennett, of Carnsdale.
6 Christian, d. unm.; will dated Dec. 14, 1625.
7 Elizabeth, ,, ,,
8 Catharine, ,, ,,
9 Eleanor, ,, ,,
10 Catharine, ,, ,,
11 Mary, ,, ,,

His will mentions (second) wife Catharine, kinsmen John Hough and William Coventry, of London; and he desires to be buried in the parish church of Neston, near his late wife.

XI.* WILLIAM WHITMORE, of Leighton, oldest son, m. Margaret, dau. of Sir Hugh Beeston, and had

1 Bridget, b. 1600; m., 1st, Edward Somerset, youngest son of Edward, Earl of Worcester, who d. *s. p.;* 2d, Thomas Savage, second son of Thomas, Viscount Savage, by whom she had issue.
2 Alice.
3 Winifred, b. 1607.

XI.* RICHARD WHITMORE, of Aston, in Chorley, m. Catharine, dau. of Ralph Bosrock, his cousin (*vide ante*, John No. IX.), and had

1 William.
2 Thomas, ancestor of the Whitmores of Ludson, Co. Salop.

XII.* WILLIAM WHITMORE, of London, merchant, m. Anne, dau. of William Bond, alderman of that city, and d. Aug. 8, 1593. His wife d. Oct. 9, 1615. Children:

1 William (Sir), b. Nov. 4, 1572.
2 Thomas (Sir), d. 1612.
3 George (Sir).
4 Elizabeth, m. Sir William Craven.
5 Anne, „ F. Baber, Esq., of Chute, Co. Somerset.
6 Margaret, „ 1st, Sir Richard Grubham; and, 2d, Sir John St. John, of Lidyard Tregoze, Co. Wilts.
7 Mary, „ Sir Charles Montagu, brother of the Earl of Manchester, and d. 3d of the Nones of July, 1652, aged 77.
8 Francis, „ Sir John Weld, of Arnolds.
9 Jane, „ Nathaniel Still, Esq., son of the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

XIII.* SIR WILLIAM WHITMORE, of Apley, oldest son, m., first, Margaret, dau. of Rowland Mosely, of Hough, *Co. Lancaster* (who was the son of Sir Nicholas Mosely, *Lord Mayor of London* 1599), and by her, who d. Jan. 31, 1608, had

1 George, of Norton, Co. Salop, who d. *s. p.*
2 Anne, m. Sir Ed. Sawyer, of Haywood, Co. Berks, and d. 1651; ancestor, through the female line, of the Marquess of Normanby.

He m., secondly, Dorothy, daughter of John Weld, Esq., of London, and had by her, who d. in 1626,

3 Thomas, b. Nov. 28, 1612, of Apley.
4 William, d. young.
5 Richard, b. June 21, 1614, of Lower Slaughter, Co. Salop.
6 Dorothea, m. Henry Garton, of Wolavinton, Co. Sussex.

He d. December, 1648.

XIII.* SIR GEORGE WHITMORE, of Balmes, *Co. Middlesex*, Lord Mayor of London 1631–2. He m. Mary, dau. and heiress of Reginald Copcott, and d. Dec. 12, 1654. Children:

1 Charles, who inherited the manor of Ottingham, *Co. York.*
2 George, mentioned in his father's will.
3 William, of Balmes.
4 Elizabeth, m. Sir John Weld, of Willey, and had an only dau., who m. her cousin Richard, of Lower Slaughter.
5 Anne, „ Sir John Robinson, Lord Mayor of London.
6 Margaret, „ Sir Charles Kemeys.
7 Mary, bapt. July 21, 1615.

XIV.* SIR THOMAS WHITMORE, Bart., of Apley, oldest son, m. Elizabeth, dau. and heir of Sir William Acton; and by her, who d. 1666, he had

1 William (Sir), b. Apr. 8, 1637, of Apley.
2 Thomas (Sir), of Bridgnorth and Buddwas, Co. Salop.
3 Anne, m. Sir Francis Lawley, of Canwell, Co. Staff.
4 Elizabeth, „ John Bennet, of Abingdon, Co. Camb.
5 Dorothy, „ Sir Eliab Harvey, of Chigwell.

He d. in 1653.

XIV.* RICHARD WHITMORE, of Lower Slaughter (see William XIII.*), m., first, Elizabeth, daughter of John George, of Bornton, *Co. Glouc.*, who d. *s.p.;* and, second, Catharine, dau. and co-heiress of Robert Deards; and by her, who d. Nov. 30, 1673, left at his decease, Aug. 20, 1677,

1 Richard, of Lower Slaughter.
2 George, b. 1668.
3 Elizabeth, m. William Pauldon, of London.
4 Catharine, „ 1665; „ George Walcot.

XIV.* WILLIAM WHITMORE, of Balmes (see George XIII.*), lived, first, at Ramsey, and, after his father's death, at Balmes. He m. Penelope ——. (*Vide* Dale's "History of Harwich.) He d. Aug. 9, 1678, aged 64, and was buried at Ramsey. His only child was

1 William, m. his cousin, Frances Whitmore, daughter of Sir Thomas W., of Bridgnorth. He was killed by the accidental discharge of his pistol, dying under age, and *s.p.*

XV.* SIR WILLIAM WHITMORE, Bart., of Apley, m. Mary, daughter of Eliab Harvey, Esq., and d., *s.p.*, in 1699.

XV.* SIR WILLIAM WHITMORE, of Bridgnorth and Buddwas, m. Frances, dau. of Sir Wm. Brook, by whom, who d. in 1690, he had

1 Elizabeth, d., unm., in 1677.
2 Dorothy, m. Jonathan Langley, Esq., of the Abbey, Co. Salop, and d. 1688.
3 Frances, „ first, her cousin, Wm. W., of Balmes; second, Sir Richard Middleton, of Chirk Castle, Apr. 19, 1685; and d. in 1694.

XV.* RICHARD WHITMORE, of Lower Slaughter, m. Anne, dau. of Sir John Weld, of Willey, and, dying before 1694, left

1 William, who succeeded to Apley.
2 Anne, m. Walter Jones, of Chastleton, and d. in 1738, leaving a son, Henry Jones, who m. Elizabeth Hancock, and d. 1761. The son of this last, Arthur Jones, d. Nov. 21. 1828, and left the estate of Chastleton to John Henry Whitmore. (See Dudmaston Branch.)
3 Catharine.

XVI.* WILLIAM WHITMORE, of Lower Slaughter and Apley, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Roger Pope, Esq., of Wolstaston, *Co. Salop*, and had

1 William, d., *s.p.*, in 1710.
2 Thomas (Sir), his heir.
3 George, d., *s.p.*, in 1775.
4 Charles, of Southampton.
5 John, of London.

His wife d. about 1736. He d. May 24, 1725.

XVII.* SIR THOMAS WHITMORE, K.B., of Apley, m. Anne, dau. of Sir Jonathan Cope, Bart., of Brewern, and had by her, who d. in 1775,

1 Mary, m. Thomas Whitmore, of Apley, her cousin.
2 Anna-Sophia, „ Anthony Deane, Esq.
8 Elizabeth, „ Rev. Charles S. Holden, and d., *s.p.*, 1795.

XVII.* CHARLES WHITMORE, of Southampton, m. Mary, dau. of —— Kelley, Esq., and by her, who d. in 1799, left at his death, in 1770,

1 Thomas, succeeded his uncle at Apley.
2 William, of Dudmaston.
3 George, Fellow of St. John's, Camb.; d. Nov. 25, 1805.
4 Mary, d. in 1828.
5 Catharine.
6 Elizabeth, m. Launcelot Shadwell, Esq., and left, with other issue, Sir Launcelot Shadwell, Vice-Chancellor of England.
7 Dorothea.

XVII.* JOHN WHITMORE, of London, m., first, Miss Sarah Stevens, who d. in 1748, and had, by her,

1 Anne, d. in 1773.
2 Catharine, b. 1746; „ in 1833.

He m., second, Miss Elizabeth Henkell, who d. in 1788, and left by her, at his decease in 1791,

3 John, b. 1754.
4 William. 2 [illegible]
? ? [illegible]

XVIII.* THOMAS WHITMORE, of Apley (son of Charles, of Southampton), m., first, his cousin, Mary Whitmore, and by her, who d. in 1776, had

1 Mary-Anne, m. Thomas Wylde Browne, of Caughley.
2 Anna-Sophia, d. unm.
3 Georgiana.

He m., secondly, Mary, dau. of Thomas Foley, captain R.N. (by his wife Mary, dau. of Admiral St. Loo), and had

4 Thomas, b. Nov. 16, 1782.
5 Charles-Blaney-Cavendish, „ Mar. 9, 1787.
6 Elizabeth.

He d. in 1795; his widow, in 1817.

XVIII.* WILLIAM WHITMORE, of Dudmanston, m., first, Frances, dau. of John Lyster, and by her, who d. in 1792, had

1 William-Wolryche, b. in 1787.
2 Frances, m., first, Capt. Williams, R.N.; second, Dr. Freer.
3 Mary-Dorothea, „ Rev. F. Laing.
4 Catharine, „ Major Houston, and d. in 1811.
5 Sophia.
6 Harriet, „ E. Isaac, Esq., of Boughton, Co. Worcester.
7 Louisa, „ Sir Edward Ryan.
8 Elizabeth, „ Rev. J. Wall.
9 Anna-Maria, „ Rev. Edmund Carr.
10 Georgiana, „ Charles Babbage, Esq., and d. in 1827.

He m., secondly, Miss Mary Louisa Thomas (who d. in 1813), and had

11 John-Henry (Jones), of Chastleton.
12 Janetta, d., unm., in 1826.
13 Eleonora, m. John Fawks, Esq.
14 Mary-Anne, „ A. Sparks, Esq., Sept. 15, 1831.

He d. August, 1816.

XVIII.* JOHN WHITMORE, of London, M.P. for Bridgnorth, married Miss Caroline Williams, and, dying in 1826 (his widow survived until 1833), left

1 John, of London, m. Miss Mary Stainforth.
2 Edward, „ „ „ Miss Frances Pooley.
3 Robert, „ „ „ Miss Elizabeth Kaye.
4 Frederick.

XVIII.* WILLIAM WHITMORE, Esq. (brother of the above), m. Elizabeth, dau. of John Booth, Esq., of Cheshunt, and had

1 William, m. Miss Norman.
2 George, of London.
3 James.
4 Charles.
5 Eliza.
6 Charlotte, m. —— Harrison, Esq.
7 Maria.
8 Catharine.

XIX.* THOMAS WHITMORE, Esq., of Apley, m., July 19, 1804, Catharine, only dau. and heiress of Thomas Thomasson, Esq., of York, and had

Thomas-Charlton, b. Jan. 6, 1807.
George, b. Aug. 13, 1812; Rector of Kemberton.
Henry, „ Oct. 17, 1813; m., 1852, Adelaide-Anna, dau. of F. Derby, Esq., of Colebrook Dale, Broseley, Salop.
Catharine-Mary, „ Aug. 16, 1832, Francis, Viscount Bernard, eldest son of James, present Earl of Bandon.
Emily-Elizabeth.
Lucy-Georgiana.
He d. in 1846.

XIX.* REV. CHARLES-BLANEY-CAVENDISH WHITMORE, Rector of Stockton, *Co. Salop*, m., in 1829, Anne-Barbara, dau. of Thomas Giffard, Esq., of Chillington, *Co. Staff.* (by his wife Lady Charlotte Courtenay, sister of the Earl of Devon), and has issue. His wife d. Nov. 23, 1834.

XIX.* WILLIAM-WOLRYCHE WHITMORE, Esq., of Dudmaston, m., Jan. 29, 1810, the Lady Lucy-Elizabeth-Georgiana Bridgman, dau. of Orlando, Earl of Bradford. She d. Mar. 17, 1840.

XIX.* JOHN-HENRY WHITMORE-JONES, of Chastleton, m. Dorothy, dau. of Col. Thomas Clutton, of Pensax, *Co. Worcester*, and has

John-Arthur Jones, b. Oct. 10, 1823.
William Jones, „ Mar. 1, 1826.
Mary-Elizabeth Jones.
Frances-Barbara Jones.

XX* THOMAS-CHARLTON WHITMORE, the present owner of Apley, m., April 11, 1833, the Lady Louisa-Anne Douglass, eldest dau. of Charles, late Marquess of Queensbury, and has

Thomas-Charles-Douglass, b. 1839.
Walter Henry, „ 1842.
And six daughters.

The only other family is the **Ludson Branch**, of which I have the following account:—

XI.* RICHARD WHITMORE, of Aston, in Chorley, had issue:

1 William, ancestor of the Apley Branch.
2 Thomas.

12 THOMAS WHITMORE, of Ludson, m. —— Bowdlear, and had

13 JOHN WHITMORE, of Ludson, who. m. Frances, dau. of William Billingsly, of Astley, and had

1 Thomas, of Ludson, b. 1598; m. { Anne, dau. of Thomas Corbet, of Longmore.
2 William, of Shipley.
3 John, b. 1612; Rector of Stockton.
4 Jane, m. Wm. Wareham, of Whittemore, Co. Salop.
5 Elizabeth, „ William Duckett, of Gray's Inn.
6 Mary, „ John Gop, of Varfield, Co. Wigorn.
7 Anne, „ T. Atkinson, of Stanton-Lacy, Co. Salop.

14 JOHN WHITMORE, Rector of Stockton, m. Anne, dau. of Thomas Marten, of Wilcot, and had

1 John, b. 1641.
2 Thomas.
3 William.
4 George.
5 Elizabeth.
6 Frances.
7 Anne.
8 Mary.

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